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Serb troops closing in on Sarajevo

BY JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

SERB forces yesterday defied the threat of a Nato bombardment and made lethal advances on a vital mountain southwest of Sarajevo.

The Bosnian Serb commander suggested that all of the strategic Mount Igman was under his control and while the government army rejected the claim, it admitted *that it would fall within* a week. The forested mountain represents the last route for people smuggling weapons into the besieged Bosnian capital ten miles away and is crucial to its survival.

General Ratko Mladic's determined push in the mountains appears to have a dual objective: to capture as much territory as possible before any Nato action, which could begin next week, and to convince the Bosnian president that he can only lose by holding out for better terms at the Geneva peace talks.

President Izetbegovic has boycotted the talks, demanding that the Serbs withdraw from the mountain, but will see the UN mediators Lord Owen and Thorvald Stoltenberg today. The other participants have left Geneva, although the Bosnian Serb and Croat leaders will return tomorrow if Mr Izetbegovic agrees to meet them.

The United Nations commander in the republic has meanwhile drafted rules of engagement making clear that any bombing missions would be launched only in retaliation for specific attacks on UN personnel or the "safe area" of Sarajevo. There would be no blitz to break the siege: "We do not want carpet-bombing by B-52s," one official said.

Nato warplanes monitoring the air exclusion zone over Bosnia have stepped up patrols over Sarajevo in recent days and yesterday there were noticeably more flights. General Mladic has nevertheless been brazen in defying the ban, and on Tuesday he unabashedly met UN military observers in his personal helicopter.

"He is acting like a man who is questioning the extent to which the West will challenge him," the UN spokesman, Commander Barry Frewer, said. The general was "very defiant, confident that he is control of the area".

Besides capturing the neighbouring Mount Bjelasnica, Serb tanks, artillery and infantry units have established strong positions on three sides of Igman and beaten Bosnian army troops back into a "pocket" that UN officials say is likely to fall soon. The Bosnian army has suffered heavy casualties and Sarajevo's precious surgical teams have had to sneak through siege lines to tend the wounded.

Jovan Divjak, deputy commander of the Bosnian army, admitted that his troops had given up two key positions, but vowed that they would not leave the mountain: "I am quite sure Bosnians will never put a white flag on Igman." Another commander, however, said: "I don't think we can *keep them out of Sarajevo.*"

There is now growing concern for the fate of some 32,000 civilians who live on and around the mountain. Most have nowhere to flee but into the desperate city, where the 300,000-strong population is struggling to survive.

Paddy Ashdown, returning from a four-day visit to the republic, claimed yesterday that the West had only weeks to save the city and said the Serbs should be given a deadline to withdraw or face bombardment by allied jets.

But Lord Owen thought that air strikes would have at best a "marginal" influence on the war or his peace talks. The only way the world could stop the fighting was to send in ground forces, and the international community had made plain that it had no stomach for such action.

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Run of the place: Bosnian Serb soldiers in wrecked Hadzici district of Sarajevo

Just another day in the siege city

Joel Brand details life in Sarajevo as Bosnia's battered capital falls apart under the barrage of Serbian artillery

ANOTHER morning in Sarajevo. I wake at 7.30, half an hour before my short wave radio is set to rouse me. In Sarajevo, one either sleeps too much or too *little*.

A new day under siege. No shelling to be heard, no sniping down the small urban canyon outside my window. It is warm, soon it will be hot. I flip the switch on the bed stand light. No electricity. A Nato jet roars over the city, enforcing *the unenforced* no-fly zone and locating Serb gun positions for the air strikes everyone hopes will come.

In the bathroom there is no running water. There is a bathful for the toilet and for maintaining a semblance of personal hygiene. I perch my flashlight on a *thin* shelf over the sink to see as I wash.

I turn on the BBC. Mount Igman, which I can see through the summer haze, is about to fall to the Serbs, my friend Alan Little reports from a room below mine. I wonder if anyone can save Sarajevo.

My room, 407, has become my office and home. Maps hang from the walls, a CD player and portable speakers sit on top of an unused television set, books, helmet, note pads, clothes, clutter the desks. I have cannibalized unoccupied rooms on the side exposed to direct fire to make room 407 my office.

A car battery powers my computer and my small stereo when there is no more fuel for the hotel generator. There has been no mains electricity or water for a couple of months. I reach for my flak jacket, and *remember it is gone, stolen at* gunpoint in the city centre two days ago. In December, when I arrived, such a robbery would have been unthinkable.

Breakfast, down 10 flights of stairs, is jam and bread. Coffee and tea are served cold. A juice-like liquid made from jam is offered.

Everyone heads off to the United Nations morning briefing. Our driver, Avdo, a white-haired man in his 50s who speaks quiet English, wheels his Ford mini-van on to Sniper's Alley. I am in the back with a famous writer and director. She has come to Sarajevo to show solidarity with the residents and to direct *Waiting for Godeau.*

I am reminded of a remark an architect friend made to me a few days earlier: "If you think about it, that we need weapons and the West is sending us dramas, it is like some kind of Greek tragedy."

New rules on release of mental patients

BY JEREMY LAURANCE
HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

TIGHTER controls over the release of patients from mental hospitals are planned following a series of random killings and attacks by patients with schizophrenia.

The new rules, to be announced next week by Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, will impose closer checks on when patients are discharged, better supervision and tracking of patients in the community and the appointment of a key worker to ensure patients turn up for treatment and take their drugs.

The changes, which may require amendment of the Mental Health Act, represent a victory for campaigners who have been calling for reform of the community care policy. Marjorie Wallace, director of Sane, the charity for schizophrenia, whose articles in *The Times* first highlighted the failings of the policy, last night welcomed the move.

Speaking on BBC television news, she said: "It is great news. We have been campaigning for years that community care has not worked for all severely mentally ill people."

The changes do not amount to a reversal of the community care policy but a shift towards more control to protect the public and patients. The government believes community care has been a success for many patients and its shortcomings can be dealt with by tighter legislation and better professional practice. But professional organisations and patients groups say more resources are needed.

Liz Lynne, community care spokeswoman for the Liberals, welcomed the plan for key *workers but said they must be* backed with more resources. "After care services must be available to all people who leave mental hospitals," she said.

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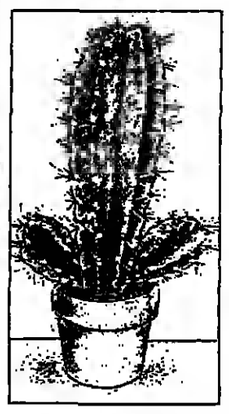

Mole at 23¾

IN SUE Townsend's new Adrian Mole book, The Wilderness Years, the misunderstood genius is still spurned by the beautiful Pandora and is now working at the Department of the Environment with special responsibility for newts. A two-week serialisation of perhaps the funniest book of 1993 will start on August 16

George's gem

THE porcelain Table of the Great Commanders was the prized possession of King George IV, whose spirit still haunts Buckingham Palace. This Saturday, as the palace opens its doors to visitors, Weekend celebrates this royal masterpiece

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Building societies to cut jobs in merger

BY SARA MCCONNELL, PERSONAL FINANCE CORRESPONDENT

TWO of Britain's top ten building societies, the Leeds and the National & Provincial, are to merge to form the third largest society with assets of almost £32 billion.

Because both societies have a concentration of branches in the north there will be closures with the loss of up to 1,600 jobs. The societies' combined branches will be cut from 769 to between 600 and 700 if the merger goes ahead. The banking, insurance and finance union (Bifu) is to write to the Leeds about the future of its members working there.

The merged society will be called the Leeds Permanent and will have a head office in Leeds. Richard Newton, retiring chairman of N & P, said the merger was not in preparation for the new society to convert to a bank. But this was not ruled out.

No bonuses for investors and borrowers have yet been announced, and they may get *nothing*. Members of both societies will be asked to vote on the merger at an extraordinary general meeting, probably after Christmas.

For the merger to succeed, 75 per cent of investors voting from each society have to agree to the merger, and a simple majority of borrowers.

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Walkabout for Queen Mother

MORE than 1,000 well-wishers greeted Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother outside Clarence House yesterday as she celebrated her ninety-third birthday.

Using a folded umbrella as a walking stick, the Queen Mother spent more than 30 minutes working her way along the crash barriers which held back the admirers, some of whom had queued all night.

Smiling, waving and accepting many bunches of flowers, she appeared pale and a little unsteady on her feet, but turned down the chance to abandon the walkabout half-way through. Instead she walked even further than usual, insisting on greeting some of the hundreds of people who lined The Mall beyond the gates of the road leading to Clarence House.

A huge cheer and wild applause greeted the appearance of the entire royal party shortly before a private lunch.

Birthday walkabout, page 3

Cancer treatment differs in North

BY OUR HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

CANCER patients treated at hospitals in the North are suffering worse side effects such as nausea and burning of the skin than patients in the *South because consultants are* giving them higher doses of radiotherapy over a shorter period to save resources.

In London, patients with breast cancer are given radiotherapy daily for six weeks, but in Manchester the treatment is given in twice the dose over three weeks. This has the same effect but causes a more severe reaction.

Professor Karol Sikora, consultant oncologist and radiotherapist at Hammersmith hospital, London, said the North-South divide in treatment had been known for several decades but nothing had been done about it. "In the United States these guys [in the North] would be sued. It is quite outrageous. You can't deal with the problem overnight but no one has got any plans to deal with it."

Consultants at hospitals in the Midlands and the North say they do not have the equipment and resources to offer radiotherapy over six weeks. "We could not cope *with the demand," said one.*

Professor Bob Rubens, consultant oncologist at Guy's hospital, London, said smaller doses of radiation given over a longer period probably produced fewer side effects but there were no clinical trials to prove it. "It is a very messy business. There is a lot of debate on what is optimal."

Terry Priestman, consultant radiotherapist at the Royal hospital, Wolverhampton, who conducted the survey, said hospitals in the North did not have the staff or equipment *for the treatment regime* of the South. Radiotherapy for cancer of the larynx is given in 16 treatments in Manchester and 35 in London, requiring more than twice the facilities in the capital to treat the same population, he said.

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Student loan agency sends in bailiffs to recover unpaid cash

By Ben Preston
Education Reporter

■ The government is determined to pursue graduates slow to repay loans — even to the other side of the Atlantic

BAILIFFS have been called in for the first time to recover student loans from university graduates. They have been authorised to enter three defaulters' houses and seize possessions to the value of loans made under the government's new undergraduate finance system.

Private debt-collecting agencies in the United States, Canada, France and Germany have also been hired to chase more than 200 borrowers now living abroad.

The Student Loans Company, set up by ministers to run the system, won county court orders for the clampdown on Monday after three graduates repeatedly failed to make repayments.

Bailiffs are expected to enforce it within a week. Unless the three repay a total of about £1,100, the bailiffs are empowered to take goods to that value.

More than 346,000 students have borrowed £226 million this year (a maximum of £830 each) from the company at low interest rates. The scheme's take-up is accelerating as more students opt for loans to supplement the mandatory grant, which was frozen three years ago. Ron Harrison, the company's chief executive, said: "We have got to get tough because most students are paying their loans back on time and we are left with a tiny minority who refuse all help. We are moving into a new phase as we step up efforts to regain taxpayers' money."

He said the decision to resort to bailiffs followed numerous attempts over 14 months to get the three unnamed graduates to make repayments. At present, only one in 28 graduates is more than 30 days in arrears while the unemployed or those earning less than 85 per cent of the national average monthly wage of £1,100 are not required to repay.

The three graduates were all warned repeatedly before the company started legal action and while it was on-going, said Mr Harrison. They are:

☐ A Bristol man owing £341 who agreed to repay his loan at £20 per month after initial court action in March but then did nothing.

☐ A Birkenhead man owing about £400 failed to comply with a court undertaking in December to repay at £15 a month despite five telephone reminders and one letter;

☐ A woman living in Shoreditch, east London, who made only two £8 monthly payments on a £459 loan after a court judgement in November.

Lorna Fitzsimmons, president of the National Union of Students, claimed the move proved the loans were unworkable and uneconomic. "Of course bad debtors must be chased, but the huge administrative and legal costs of getting people to pay often negligible sums means the loan system is a huge waste of public money," she said.

She highlighted a recent Audit Commission report that found the company, established in 1990, spent £27 million on administration after a £10 million start-up cost. This meant the average cost of providing each loan was £48 in 1990/91 and £28 in 1991/92.

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Sale earns university £27m

By Ben Preston, Education Reporter

A UNIVERSITY celebrated British academia's most successful venture into business yesterday after selling a subsidiary company for £27 million.

Four scientists who invented the "modern equivalent of the miner's canary" became millionaires after City University, London, sold the company it established to manufacture their device. City Technology Limited was set up on campus in 1977. It took off after a small team of researchers pioneered production of environmental sensors that alert workers to poisoned air.

The university intends to spend its proceeds of £20.25 million on two new halls of residence, an additional academic block and an endowment to encourage further academic initiatives.

The inventors — Dr Tony Tantram, Dr Bryan Hobbs, John Finbow and Robert Chan-Henry — will share about £4 million after yesterday's management buy-out.

Dr Hobbs, who is a director and part of the buy-out team, said: "I think an awful lot of universities would like to do what we have done. Certainly people in the commercial sector will be seeking to emulate us. After the taxman has had his slice, the four of us certainly expect to be half-millionaires."

The company sells about 300,000 sensors annually to more than 200 customers worldwide, mainly in the United States and Germany. The devices are used by workers in confined spaces to monitor harmful gases such as carbon monoxide and hydrogen sulphide. It has 140 employees.

In the year to June 1992 the company, based in Portsmouth, made a profit of £3.8 million, on a turnover of £11 million, all of which went to City University.

☐ De Montford University in Leicester has launched a £500,000 television and cinema advertising campaign in an attempt to attract students next term.

Child's play: Matt Craighead, the computer chess prodigy, at his traditional board

Boy confounds chess computers

By Nicholas Watt

A BOY aged 11 who studies astrophysics as a hobby has written one of the most impressive programs at the World Computer Chess Championships in London.

Matt Craighead, from Minnesota, took five weeks to develop the program which has so far drawn two of its games in the tournament. Don Beal, who is organising the competition at Queen Mary and Westfield College, said: "Matt is an amazing prodigy." His program is competing against 14 others. Matt, who studies calculus at the University of Minnesota as well as going to school, has been writing computer programs since the age of four. He said: "This program took me about a week to develop, but it took another month to perfect before I could play its first game."

His father Larry, a chemical engineer, said: "He likes playing games, but he really enjoys computers, astronomy, astrophysics and science in general."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Carman defends right to jury trial

One of Britain's best-known barristers says that it would be dangerous to end defendants' right to trial by jury, as proposed by the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice (Frances Gibb writes). George Carman QC also says that the proposal would be socially divisive and would undermine the basic principle of equality before the law.

One of the factors magistrates would take into account when deciding the court for trial would be whether the defendant faced a loss of reputation. Mr Carman, writing in the current issue of *Counsel*, the Bar magazine, says that this would favour the middle classes. "The middle class professional, with a good character, is more likely to obtain trial by jury on a shoplifting charge than the defendant of humble background with an existing bad character," he says.

Family spending rises

Government figures on family spending, to be published next month, offer more evidence that the recession is ending. Average spending rose by £15 a week last year. Only spending oo housing fell, due mainly to lower interest rates. The biggest increase was in leisure goods and services: up almost 20 per cent to £40.90 a week.

Cash for UDR men

Three former members of the Ulster Defence Regiment whose coovictions for the murder of a Roman Catholic in 1983 were quashed at the Court of Appeal, were reported yesterday to have received about £40,000 in interim compensation. Winston Allen, Noel Bell and James Hegan were convicted in 1986 of murdering Adrian Carroll, 24.

Gang raped girl of 14

A girl of 14 who was raped in a park in Ely, Cardiff, while a gang of youths looked on laughing and jeering, yesterday appealed for witnesses to go to the police. She was raped as she walked her dog on July 21 but was too distraught to report the attack until later. Police are trying to trace a group of six young men.

Thorp approval likely

The government says it is "minded" to approve operations at the Sellafield thermal oxide reprocessing plant (Thorp) when a final consultation period, launched yesterday, ends in October — unless compelling evidence is found to alter its decision. Greenpeace said the government statement showed it had made up its mind.

Liver plea to save baby

A Birmingham hospital yesterday made an urgent appeal to find a transplant liver for a baby boy who, it was feared, had less than 48 hours to live. Caolan McDonald, 11 mooths, was in a "critical but stable" condition in the Birmingham Children's Hospital. The hospital said he had been referred from Belfast for a liver and bowel transplant.

Duke breaks his duck

After more than 30 years of trying, the Duke of Edinburgh won his first Cowes Week race yesterday. Sailing with ex-King Constantine of Greece on board his yacht Yeoman XXVIII, they finished first out of 26 yachts in the Sigma 38 race on his last day of sailing in Cowes Week. The duke started the week with two collisions.

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Labour says BBC news is biased

By Nicholas Wood
Chief Political Correspondent

THE Labour party has protested to the BBC about an alleged lack of balance in its news coverage since the summer recess began.

David Hill, Labour's communications director, has complained that the Opposition front bench has been cold-shouldered by BBC producers, some of whom have used Tory dissidents to challenge the government case.

In a letter to John Birt, the director-general, Mr Hill said that Labour's voice was being ignored on big issues such as the collapse of the ERM, the war in Bosnia-Herzegovina and school tests. Non-appearance had invited gibes that Labour was inactive.

Mr Hill told Mr Birt: "When the House of Commons is sitting there is usually an automatic attempt to reflect balance between the parties. Now that the summer recess is under way it seems to have been abandoned."

☐ Gordon Brown, the shadow chancellor, has called on Labour to abandon the fixed member's fee and drop high-profile "glossy" recruitment campaigns to try to reverse the party's membership decline. In a pamphlet published yesterday, Mr Brown argues that only grassroots campaigning can halt the drain of members.

Minister promises revival for Kent

By Ian Murray

TIM Sainsbury, the industry minister, toured once prosperous Kent yesterday, offering financial assistance and hopes of more than 10,000 new jobs in areas hard hit by the recession.

In his first visit since parts of the county were officially declared to be among the poorest in Britain, the minister promised "some of the most significant changes since the time of Henry VIII" for local employment.

Businessmen in east Kent will be able to apply for a share of the £80 million of government money earmarked for assisted areas nationwide. Kent qualified because "the changing patterns of demand" had severely affected traditional trades which once made the county so prosperous, Mr Sainsbury said.

Sainsbury: offered hope of thousands of jobs

His itinerary showed graphically that good news for the world, Europe and Britain has often been bad news for Kent. In Chatham he visited the site of the historic naval dockyard, which closed in the early 1980s. In Dover he lunched overlooking the world's busiest ferry port, where the arrival of the single European market in January wiped out hundreds of once safe jobs in customs and freight forwarding. At Folkestone he toured the Channel tunnel terminal, where hundreds of jobs in the construction industry are disappearing as the project is completed.

In May the Conservatives lost control of Kent County Council for the first time in 80 years, and the assisted area designation has been aimed at some of the areas which switched political allegiance.

Yesterday Mr Sainsbury was full of hope. In Chatham he praised the enterprise zone that has inspired a £900 million development scheme at the dockyard; 2,000 jobs have already been created. At Dover he hoped for 5,000 jobs created by companies wanting quick access to growing European markets. At Folkestone, there were only vague hopes that the tunnel would generate jobs throughout Kent and across Britain.

Bookies to be given new image

By John Young

BRITISH punters will find the betting shop more inviting, under proposals published yesterday by Michael Howard, the home secretary.

A consultation paper suggests that shops should be allowed to carry window displays, install large screen televisions and serve a wider range of refreshments.

In 1960 the legalisation of betting shops was accompanied by restrictions aimed at making them bleak and cheerless places deterring all but hardened devotees. Not until 1986 were they permitted to install television sets and provide tea, coffee and biscuits.

Mr Howard said the changes would make betting offices more visible on the high street, and enable bookmakers to provide additional information about their business. Betting offices would become much more attractive.

Under existing restrictions, the windows of betting shops must be obscured. Mr Howard proposes that they should be replaced with clear glass, allowing television screens and nodces advertising odds to be seen from outside.

The government does not want betting shops to become general entertainment centres, and there is no question of alcohol being sold.

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Mothers spend 25% of pay on childcare

By Philip Bassett
Industrial Editor

WORKING women spend as much as a quarter of their earnings on childcare, according to a government study, which also reports a fourfold iocrease in the use of childcare over the past ten years.

Today's report follows the jailing this week of a 23-year-old woman who left her child alone at home while she went out to work. The woman — unnamed for legal reasons — is appealing against her six-month prison sentence.

The study, published by the employment department in its monthly gazette, looks at 14,500 recipients of child benefit and concluded that there is a rising demand for childcare. Most is still provided by relatives and friends, but an increasing minority of working mothers — more than a fifth — use professional, paid-for care.

Twenty-three per cent of all working mothers spend an average of £30.70 a week on childcare at 1991 prices; 29 per cent of working single parents spend an average of £24.60; and 22 per cent of couples spend an average of £32.40.

The survey, which was carried out for the department by the independent Policy Studies Institute and the social security department, finds that those who paid for childcare paid £1.10p for each hour they worked. Taking average earnings after tax, this equates to almost exactly a quarter of their entire net earnings. Lone parents used, at 22 per cent, a smaller proportion of their earnings for childcare, while couples used 26 per cent. Only about one in ten gave up more than half their earnings to childcare, but 27 per cent of lone parents and a third of couples gave up between a quarter and a half of the mother's take-home pay in childcare costs.

The study says that given income tax, national insurance and travel-to-work costs, the high cost of childcare in such cases makes the oet return from work "quite low" for many such parents, suggesting a very strong motivation to work, especially among lone parents.

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Queen Mother delights adoring crowd with birthday walkabout

By Alan Hamilton

THE crowd grows annually as the anniversary grows more remarkable. Yesterday, more than 1,000 wellwishers packed the pavement opposite Clarence House to greet Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother on her ninety-third birthday and to observe with benign curiosity how a frame as old as the century was bearing up.

The answer was astonishingly well, given recent concern about her frailty. She emerged at about 11am and charmed her audience with a full 34 minutes of walkabout.

Dressed in a pale-green floral dress with matching hat, the Queen Mother appeared a little unsteady on her feet, occasionally supporting herself on an umbrella. But she walked the length of the short street and back again, even venturing out into The Mall where hundreds more tourists had their day made by close encounter with a woman born before the age of powered flight, in the last year of the life of Queen Victoria.

She knows her regulars, some of whom had been camping on the pavement since lunchtime the day before, and she had a word for them all.

Eric Dunnington from south London presented his usual 12lb birthday cake, counselling its recipient, who has occasionally had problems with swallowing food, not to eat the glass decorations that embellished the Empress of India's state crown in icing. She promised to be careful.

Colin Edwards, from Macclesfield, was ready as usual with one of his specially composed poems, rhyming "national treasure" with "abundant measure" and "best of health" with "things you wish yourself". The Queen Mother appeared appreciative. "It's your best yet," she told him.

Dozens of children loaded her with flowers. Other gifts included framed photographs of the Queen and a book on roses. The bands of the Welsh and Irish Guards played *Happy Birthday*, the crowd applauded and cheered, and from across London could be heard the thunder-clap of gun salutes at Hyde Park and the Tower. Ladies of a certain age in the crowd were agreed that the Queen Mother, who smiled and waved constantly, looked "absolutely wonderful". "I hope I look like that at 93," Doreen Bird, from Epsom, said.

As is now traditional, the royal family arrived for a private lunch: the Princess Royal and Commander Tim Laurence, accompanied by her children Peter and Zara Phillips; the Prince of Wales and the Duke of York; Princess Margaret with her daughter Lady Sarah Armstrong-Jones; and the Queen accompanied by Prince Edward, who carried a huge bouquet of flowers and a mysterious battered leather holdall with a vast pink bow through its handles.

The most glaring absentee was the Princess of Wales, who spent the day with Prince William and Prince Harry at a go-kart track in Kent. Today they join their father for a ten-day cruise around the Greek islands.

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SIMON WALKER

Happy returns: children give cards and gifts to the Queen Mother

1900, when Britain basked in an imperial summer

By Alan Hamilton and Louise Hidalgo

THE year the Queen Mother was born saw one of the hottest Julys on record as Britain basked in the seemingly endless summer of imperial power. Even the horses on the streets took to wearing straw hats

Elsewhere in the empire, however, things were not so rosy. More than 11,000 British soldiers died defending the empire against the Boers in South Africa, most victims of disease rather than the enemy. A request for more troops by Lord Kitchener, the commander in chief, meant almost every trained soldier in Britain was soon on his way to the Cape.

In China, 10,000 allied troops entered Peking to quell the Boxer rebellion and liberate the European residents of the city who had for 56 days been besieged and terrorised.

The Queen Empress, Victoria, was in her last year of life and the Edwardian age was about to dawn. Tsar Nicholas II ruled in St Petersburg, Kaiser Wilhelm II in Berlin, a viceroy in Dublin Castle and Lord Salisbury in Downing Street.

Theatre-goers in London and New York flocked to see Lillie Langtry play a dissolute courtesan in *The Degenerates*, and the songs *Goodbye Dolly Gray* and *I'm Only a Bird in a Gilded Cage* were the year's biggest hits. The Cakewalk was the rage of London dance floors and Britons had their first taste of another American import, a new soft drink named after its ingredients, coca and cola. Sugar was a penny a pound and a dozen bottles of Moet et Chandon could be bought for the princely sum of £3.

The year also saw the birth of the Labour party, with Ramsay Macdonald elected the first secretary of the Labour Representation Committee, as it was then known. Parliament ruled that children under the age of 13 could no longer work in the mines and the TUC resolved to press for an old age pension, claiming it as a basic human right.

Oscar Wilde died in disgrace and exile in Paris, Britain lost the first Davis Cup tennis competition to the Americans and the "Tuppeny Tube", precursor to the modern underground, was opened between Shepherds Bush and Bank: the fare was a flat rate 2d.

Romeo car salesman is found guilty of murder

By Robin Young

A CAR salesman who became obsessed with a female customer and murdered her when she rejected his advances was jailed for at least 20 years yesterday.

Winston Goulbourne, 25, had repeatedly tampered with Gillian Bennett's new car so that he could see her again, but after he was rebuffed by the "warm, trusting woman" in December last year, he stabbed her and burnt her alive.

Jailing him for life at the Central Criminal Court, Judge Richard Lowry QC told Gouldbourne: "The dreadful circumstances of this murder by you have caused horror to the public and they give rise to the fear that a man capable of such cruelty could be capable of such cruelty again in the future. I make a recommendation that 20 years should be the minimum period you serve."

Goulbourne, of South Norwood, south London, could not come to terms with a woman saying "no" to him, it was suggested during his trial.

Miss Bennett, 33, a travel agent living in Streatham, south London, had bought a Fiat Uno from the company where Goulbourne worked as a salesman. He took her address from garage records and visited her four times in two weeks for supposed "after-sales service" on her new car, the court heard. After he overheard Miss Bennett's flatmate, Anne Evans, saying she was going away for the weekend, he visited Miss Bennett's flat at 1am, hoping to charm her into bed.

Nigel Sweeney, for the prosecution, told the court: "Something happened between them. It may be that it was something of a sexual nature by way of an advance perhaps being rejected."

He said Goulbourne had bound her with her dressing gown cord before plunging a kitchen knife into her chest. As she lay on the floor, he draped a pink blanket over her, poured petrol onto it and set it alight.

A neighbour called the fire brigade. Mr Sweeney said: "She was alive when the blanket was put over her and set on fire. She then died, mercifully quickly."

He said Goulbourne called at Miss Bennett's home between visiting his two lovers and the court heard that Goulbourne's appetite for sex was such that he had already made love twice to his mistress, Jane Larter, 22, on the night he killed Miss Bennett. The girl friend Goulbourne lived with, Paulette Lucas, said she had believed he intended to marry her.

Mr Sweeney told the jury Goulbourne had boasted to colleagues, untruthfully, that Miss Bennett had invited him for a sex session in the early hours of the morning.

The court had heard that Goulbourne was the company dandy, a keep-fit fanatic, and always immaculately dressed. Though only 5ft 4in tall, he saw himself as "god's gift" to women, and never had any trouble wooing them. He became obsessed with Miss Bennett, it was suggested, because she brushed off his advances.

Mr Sweeney said Miss Bennett was not the type to engage in casual sexual relations. "She was a warm, friendly, trusting woman who had not had a boy friend for two years. She was not the flirty type."

Goulbourne was trapped by a thimbleful of blood found on his jacket and by a few fibres from the scene, but he looked stunned by the jury's verdict. He walked slowly to the cells with his head bowed. The jury of six men and six women had taken nearly five hours to return a unanimous verdict on the murder charge.

Goulbourne had admitted lying to his workmates about sleeping with Miss Bennett, but denied killing her. "It may seem to you that I was fantasising about wanting something to happen but it did not occur. It was just silly chat. I did not even fancy her", he said.

Victim: Gillian Bennett, stabbed and burnt alive

Murderer: Goulbourne tampered with new car

BT woman denies flirting

By Nicholas Watt

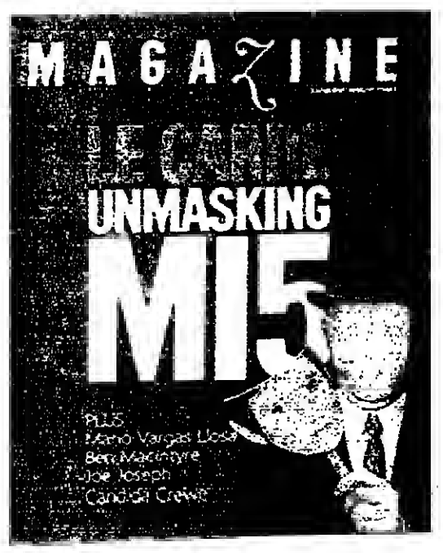
LEESA Lemm, a BT executive who accused a colleague of pestering her with sexual messages, confronted him at an industrial tribunal yesterday and said he had misinterpreted her friendliness.

Michael Haughney, a PhD and Cambridge graduate, was sacked as a computer analyst at BT in west London last year. Miss Lemm was being questioned by Dr Haughney on the third day of the tribunal where he is claiming unfair dismissal. During the questioning, she told him: "I was not flirtatious. I was friendly to people in the office but you took that as giving a come-on."

Dr Haughney claims that Miss Lemm turned sour after their relationship ended, and fabricated charges against him as part of a management conspiracy to oust him.

He told the hearing that when they went on a training course in Cardiff, he loved Miss Lemm and believed she loved him. But Miss Lemm denied she had given him any reason for such a belief.

She said she finally reported Dr Haughney's behaviour to BT after he wrote to her referring to her as a woman "with little or no compassion". She said he continued writing to her after his dismissal. Dr Haughney then requested an adjournment until today, saying he was suffering extreme mental fatigue.



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This Saturday in The Times Magazine

Minister rejects demands for deportee enquiry

By Bill Frost

THE government again rejected demands yesterday for a full public enquiry into the death of the Jamaican woman who collapsed while being served with a deportation order, to the undisguised anger of Afro-Caribbean community leaders.

Calls for an independent investigation came from Joy Gardner's mother Myrna Simpson, and Labour MPs Bernie Grant (Tottenham) and Jeremy Corbyn (Islington North). They have been insisting on an enquiry since Mrs Gardner, 40, died of kidney failure in Whittington hospital on Sunday night after the raid at her home in Hornsey, north London, last Wednesday.

Community leaders, conscious that feeling is running high, had pinned their hopes on a wide-ranging investigation. They pointed out yesterday that anger was mounting among young blacks in the north London suburb against a background of claims that Mrs Gardner had been subjected to "medieval" methods of restraint by police.

However, Charles Wardle, a junior Home Office minister, rejected calls for an independent judicial review. He said: "There is an inquest going on at the moment and that will be an appropriate forum, and also, I must stress, the Police Complaints Authority's investigation is independent of the police."

Paul Condon, the Metropolitan police commissioner, has suspended three officers from Scotland Yard's specialist immigration branch who took part in the raid. The activities of the entire unit have also been halted for the time being.

Mr Wardle repeated calls for calm at last night's public meeting at the Afro-Caribbean Centre in Wood Green, north London. "I understand the anger that many people feel at the death of Joy Gardner, but any form of disorder simply will not help," he said.

Sonal Ghelani, the family solicitor, said it had been revealed that Mrs Gardner died of hypoxic brain damage. "In simple terms, that means the supply of oxygen to the brain was cut off. But how that happened has not been explained."

Joseph Gardner, the dead woman's husband, denied that he married her only so she could stay in Britain. He refused to comment on reports that he had to apply for two court injunctions shortly after their wedding because she used to beat him up so badly that he feared for his life. Mr Gardner, 60, said he was "sickened" by the police action. "They have left a little boy without a mother and I hope they feel guilty for the rest of their lives."

Reports that it was a marriage of convenience were not true, Mr Gardner said. "I met her legitimately just a few weeks before we got married ... I have been very hurt by Joy's death, even though I have not seen her since November 1990. It came as a big shock to me — I did not even know she was still in the country."

Mrs Gardner came to Britain on a visitor's visa six years ago from Long Bay, Jamaica, with plans to take a polytechnic course in journalism and media studies. Three months later, she gave birth to a son, Graham, having just weeks earlier married Mr Gardner.

In April 1990, she approached the Home Office and asked if she could stay in Britain, her temporary visa having expired. Mrs Gardner based the petition on her marriage, although the couple had ceased to live together. She was told her request had been rejected seven months later. Immigration officials were unwilling to discuss the case yesterday. However, it seems that, had she not approached the Home Office in 1990, the expiry of her temporary permit might well have gone unnoticed.

Those who had come into contact with Mrs Gardner as she fought deportation expressed bafflement yesterday at reports that she had an unpredictable temper. Officers who served the order claimed that she became violent.

Djemal Dervish, the dead woman's solicitor, said: "I saw no evidence of a violent temper." He pointed out that the nature of her confrontation with police last week "was unusual to say the least ... she had the right to be notified that her fate had been decided before the dawn knock at the door."

Gardner: denied right to stay in Britain

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Victory for hunt opponents as Somerset votes to protect red deer in the Quantock Hills

Staghounds at bay after council ban

By John Young

THE future of the Quantock Staghounds, one of only three red deer hunts in Britain, is under threat after Somerset County Council voted yesterday to ban hunting with hounds on a vital 140-acre strip of land.

Anti-hunt protesters in a 500-strong crowd outside the Shire Hall in Taunton cheered when it was announced that the motion had been carried by 28 votes to 22. Leaders of the Somerset and Devon Residents' Association Against Deer Hunting said they were delighted and surprised at the size of the majority.

Bill Fewings, the hunt master, said he was disappointed. The hunt had worked to promote deer management schemes on the hills, but the council's decision had "blown it". He would be calling an emergency meeting of the hunt, but said its future was not very hopeful.

The decision affects only a small strip of land owned by the council at Over Stowey Customs Common, in the Quantock Hills, which effectively cuts in two the land used by the hunt.

Three anti-hunt petitions of nearly 10,000 signatures were handed in before the start of the meeting, at which a motion to ban the hunt was proposed by Chris Clarke, the council's Liberal Democrat leader. Mr Clarke said deer hunting distressed thousands of people. "Hunting deer with hounds is unnecessary," he said. "It is a brutal and cruel activity." All the evidence showed that culling could be done by marksmen with rifles.

As for the effect of a ban on the local economy, a similar argument had been used to justify slavery and the sending of children up chimneys, he said.

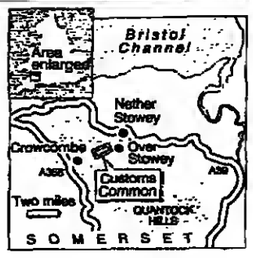
But Lieutenant Commander Maurice Ingram, former chairman of the council's environment committee, said studies by the National Trust and Southampton University had found that adequate deer protection was unlikely to be achieved without hunting. A management plan for the Quantocks needed the support of farmers and landowners.

Mr Fewings said the hunt was responsible for the culling of all stags and most hinds, and in the past two years hounds had dealt with 95 sick or wounded deer which had been dispatched with a humane killer. Stalking could take place only in areas of restricted public access, whereas hunting covered the whole of the hill.

The British Field Sports Society pointed out that the council's environment committee had earlier voted by a majority of 12 to 5 to allow hunting to continue. A three-year survey had concluded that there was no reason to implement a ban, and 240 farmers and landowners had signed a petition in support of the Staghounds.

ALAIN LOCKYER

Banner battle: protesters for and against hunting gather outside Shire Hall in Taunton



Swing to Lib Dems in shire counties curbs field sports

By John Young

THE decision to ban hunting on land owned by Somerset council is the latest in a succession of moves initiated by Liberal Democrats since the Conservatives lost control of virtually all the shire counties in the May local elections.

From the hunt supporters' viewpoint it is the most serious, because it will disrupt the activities of the Quantock staghounds, one of only three deer hunts in Britain; the others are the Devon and Somerset and the Tiverton.

Deer-hunting arouses even more emotional opposition than foxhunting, presumably because deer are seen as beautiful creatures whereas foxes are pests that kill livestock. But farmers in the South West say the deer damage crops, that they need to be culled and that hunting them with hounds is more effective and humane than shooting them. Hunt supporters claim that, if hunting disappeared, so would the deer, because farmers would simply shoot them all.

In Scotland, which has the majority of Britain's red deer, they are stalked with rifles. That would not have appealed to James I, who described "hunting, with running houndes" as "the most honourable and ooblest sort thereof; for it is a thievish forme of hunting to shoote with gunnes and bowes".

In recent votes, West Sussex and Hereford and Worcester county councils voted for a complete or partial ban on hunting with hounds oo council-owned land, while Cornwall and North Yorkshire voted against a ban. Most bans are unlikely to have much effect, according to the British Field Sports Society, because much of the land owned by the councils consists of park areas where hunting does not take place.

Hereford and Worcester council approved a ban on hunting on land it manages on behalf of other owners. That includes land in the Clent Hills, owned by the National Trust, which has vigorously opposed attempts by a section of its membership to ban hunting from all trust property. It said yesterday that it would continue to issue licences.

A more serious threat, so far as hunting enthusiasts are concerned, is a free vote in the Commons. With Labour and the Liberal Democrats almost unanimously opposed, plus up to 100 Conservatives, the vote would almost certainly go in favour of making hunting with hounds illegal.

The last effort to obtain parliamentary support was made by Kevin McNamara, Labour MP for Kingston upon Hull North, in February last year, but his private member's bill was denied a secood reading. A previous failed attempt was made in 1949.

Before the last election, when a Labour victory was expected, the Campaign for Country Sports, an *ad hoc* grouping of field sports bodies, launched a vigorous campaign to forestall a free vote by MPs. It warned the party that a pledge to ban hunting could cost it a million or more votes in key constituencies.

There are at present 194 packs of foxhounds and 22 of harriers. There are also 80 packs of beagles, six of fell hounds, nine of bassetts and 19 of minkhounds, but the followers of the last four hunt on foot and are not regarded with the same opprobrium.

A survey conducted in 1990 by Cobham Resource Consultants for the Standing Conference on Countryside Sports suggested that about 243,000 people in Britain hunted with hounds and that the sport supported about 65,000 full-time jobs. It also found that people spent about £1.4 billion on hunting, shooting and fishing, compared with £1.3 billion on books and £734 million on visiting live arts and entertainments.

Lord Carnarvon, the conference chairman, estimated at the time that altogether the three sports put more than £2.6 billion into the economy.

MICHAEL POWELL

Poster power: the image unveiled in London yesterday

Campaign urges end to cub hunts

By James Landale

A CAMPAIGN to stop the hunting of young foxes was launched yesterday by the the League Against Cruel Sports to mark the unofficial start of the fox cub hunting season. At least 6,000 cubs will be killed before the main fox hunting season begins in November.

Posters were unveiled across London and advertisements placed in national newspapers as part of a £160,000 campaign to stop what the league calls a "sordid and obscene" activity.

James Barrington, the league's executive director, said that cub hunting showed new hounds how to savage and "taste the blood of foxes". He said: "What they are doing is using the young animals to be sacrificed for sport which I regard as obscene."

He claimed that many in the hunting fraternity were embarrassed by cub hunting. "If you actually see it live, it is a pathetic activity. The panic-stricken cubs are overwhelmed and savaged to death. It is barbaric, bloodthirsty and unnecessary."

Bill Andrews, chairman of the British Field Sports Society campaign for hunting, said that the cubs needed to be killed before concentrations of foxes grew up. "They are fully grown and have got to an age when they are starting to be destructive. If you look at the league's poster, you are encouraged to think that they are cuddly little foxes but they are not," he said.

He denied that cubs were used to show the hounds how to kill. "The hounds hunt naturally. What they are being trained to do is obey the huntsman with his horn."

Mr Andrews said that hunting, which kills an average of 20,000 foxes in the August to March season, was needed to stop the foxes causing havoc among piglets and chickens.

Launching yesterday's campaign, Bill Oddie, the former television Goodie and presenter of wildlife television programmes, said: "I accept that some culling of some species is necessary. But what we are talking about here is killing for fun. Given a referendum, the majority of people in this country would get foxhunting made illegal."

He called for people to write letters to their MPs in the run-up to the next session of Parliament, when it is hoped that a private member's bill banning hunting will be introduced.

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Resorts warned to preserve architectural heritage and environment

Seaside town tries to turn back the tide of urban clutter

By Harvey Elliott, travel correspondent

THE resort of Weston-super-Mare in Avon has been taking stock of a study of the architectural and environmental ravages of the past 30 years — and does not like what civic leaders have allowed to happen.

Now it is sending a report to other holiday resorts, to act as both a warning and a blueprint for improving the appearance of seaside towns.

Ken Lacey, vice-chairman of Woodspring District Council, which co-operated in the report by the Civic Trust, said yesterday: "When you live in a town, you take things for granted and don't really see the little things which are happening around you. The author of the report has been able to stand back and show us things which we had come to accept without question. Now it is clear that we are still suffering from what happened in the 1960s when planning controls were not nearly as strict as they are now."

The council has already implemented many of the recommendations in the report, "Turning the Tide", which was published by the English Tourist Board yesterday.

The report says that growth in the town's immediate hinterland has somewhat spoilt the experience of arriving at the seaside.

Older buildings have been "lost to undistinguished redevelopment", changes and additions to older buildings have been "of a poor standard and unsympathetic design", and the treatment of streets and other open spaces is "too often merely routine, with the picture often one of clutter".

The report says that the town has few "really awful disasters", however, and there are many buildings of special value as well as good examples of Victorian architecture. Weston needs an environmental strategy "geared to upgrading the quality of the overall townscape and improving the general feeling of the resort".

The report looks in detail at each area of the town, with specific recommendations such as planting hedges and persuading local traders to replace garish signs.

The report also recommends the publication of a guide to the design of shopfronts, an audit of important buildings and monuments that have been neglected, and more development and planning control.

The council has reacted enthusiastically. "We still have a long way to go but at least we are now taking it seriously," said Mr Lacey. "If you are going to survive you have got to look at your heritage. We were becoming rather cheap and cheerful and looking for day trippers.

"There are no real villains in the piece," he said. "It was a different climate in the sixties and perhaps seaside resorts have been slower than other cities to get their act together. Funding is always a problem but there seems a general willingness to try to improve the seafront and to present a good image of the town."

John East, chief executive of the English Tourist Board, said: "Resorts need to develop and change and this study of Weston-super-Mare shows how this can be achieved in a sensitive and practical way. We are publishing the report in the hope that it will inspire other resort managers and planners to set similar standards in managing and developing their resorts."

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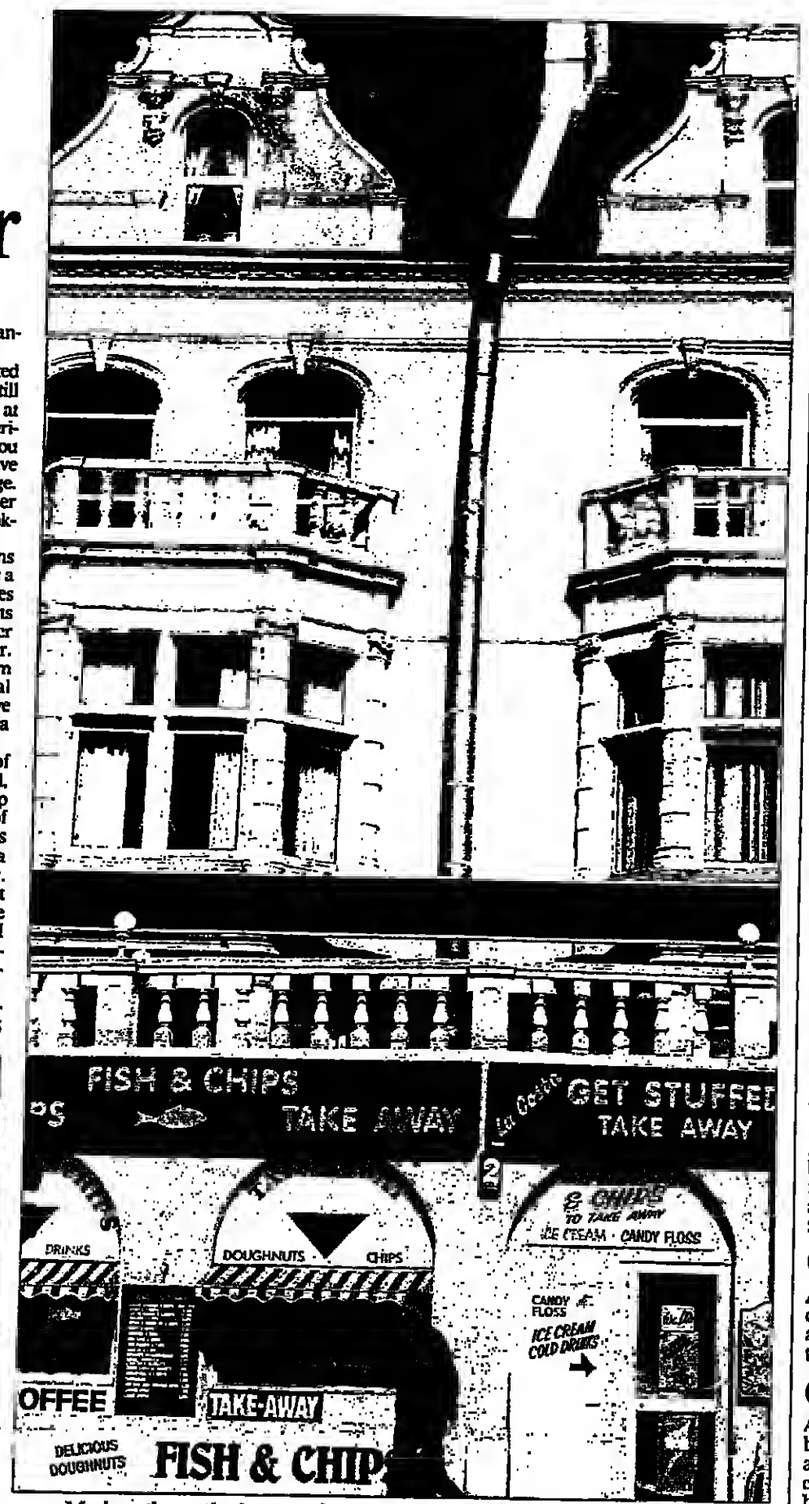
Elegant days: the seafront at Weston-super-Mare at the turn of the century



Modern times: the impact of commercial change on the front at Weston

NEWS IN BRIEF

Major who stole from VIPs jailed

A senior army officer was jailed for 18 months and ordered to be dismissed the service after stealing thousands of pounds from foreign VIPs he escorted on arms-buying visits.

A court martial at Aldershot, Hampshire, heard Major Donald Farquharson, 39, used Korean government money to pay off his overdraft and also stole more than £4,000 with false expense claims while working at the Ministry of Defence.

The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards officer, who admitted theft, deception and false accounting, also loses a £49,000 redundancy cheque due to him on leaving the army next year. Verdict and sentence have to be confirmed.

Costly tea

Safeway was fined £2,000 and ordered to pay £2,569 costs by Solihull magistrates, West Midlands, for selling a 46p packet of tea on a Sunday to trading standards officers at its supermarket in the town.

Death remand

A boy aged 17 was remanded in custody at Birmingham Youth Court charged with the murder of Simon Bowyer, 17, who died from stab wounds in the city centre on Saturday.

Mega reward

Sega has offered £35,000 reward for information about the theft of 3,000 new-model Mega Drive computer games from Southampton docks.

Victim named

A boy aged 10 who was killed be an accidental blow from a friend's golf club was named as Josh Doherty, of Hove, East Sussex.

Cyclist dies

A woman aged 42 was crushed to death in Hull when a bulldozer fell from a lorry on to her bicycle.

Cats crushed

A motorist who dropped off a box containing three kittens at an animal shelter in Newcastle upon Tyne left in such haste that he ran over the box. The sole survivor has been named Lucky by staff.

Islanders celebrate opening of a school for one

By Gillian Bowditch, Scotland Correspondent

UNRULY classroom behaviour and staff-pupil ratios will not be a problem at one of Scotland's newest schools. Port Mor primary school on the island of Muck in the Inner Hebrides, which has just been completed at a cost of £248,000, will have only one pupil next term.

For the past six years Mary MacEwan, 11, has been taught with two others in a ramshackle shed, with a corrugated iron roof and an outside toilet, which was built in 1926. Her classmates have now gone to board at secondary schools on the mainland.

Highland Regional Council came up with the money to build a new school for 16 pupils, despite the fact that the entire population on Muck numbers only 27. The project is part of the council's scheme of supporting fragile communities, and the islanders hope the scheme will help to increase the numbers of those settling on the island.

Dr Michael Foxley, Highland Regional councillor for the area, says: "Muck deserves the same services as larger communities on the mainland. The new school will be of great benefit to this hard-working community."

Mary's family has owned the island for more than 100 years and her father Laurence attended the primary school from 1947-55.

Barbara Graves, Mary's teacher, who arrived on the island two years ago from Cumbria, said she has never before had such a small class. The new building was a great improvement on the old ooe. "It was very cramped and cold. We had just one room. The new school is warm and spacious with storage areas, kitchens and indoor toilets."

Mary will not be on her own for too long. There are five pre-school children on the island. There is another family with four small children, including twins who are due to start at the school later in the year. Mrs Graves has also been doing her bit to boost attendance figures: three weeks ago she gave birth to her first baby.

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Inspector condemns lack of security

Prison plays open house to inmates on 'shopping' trips

By Richard Ford, Home Correspondent

ABOUT 25 inmates a month abscond from an open jail in Lancashire, according to a report published yesterday. Many go on "shopping" trips or make visits to secret locations to pick up smuggled goods.

As well as proving a popular and easy place to leave, Kirkham Prison was also a favoured destination for break-ins by intruders, the report said. Those leaving and entering the jail took advantage of its categorisation as an open prison and a 6ft perimeter fence that offered no obstacle to anyone determined to cross it.

"In places, the fence was in poor condition or non-existent. Effectively there was no perimeter security," said Judge Tumim, chief inspector of prisons, in a report on the jail.

Nine intruders entered the prison last year to make unofficial visits to one or more of the 471 inmates or to deliver contraband. All the incursions occurred at night and only one intruder had been arrested but no action had been taken because no criminal offence was committed.

Judge Tumim said: "Most intruders, it was believed, entered the prison to pay unofficial visits to inmates or to bring contraband to them. No women intruders have been detected."

But in one incident a night patrol of prison officers had been assaulted while attempting to intercept an intruder and in February last year a kitchen at the jail had been broken into and a video recorder stolen.

There were 222 abscondences last year from the jail, which holds adult men serving sentences ranging from four months to ten years. Absconders often stole cars in the neighbourhood. Judge Tumim's report said that there was evidence that not all these abscondences were determined departures but were the result of "shopping expeditions" that had gone wrong.

The report said: "The incidence of 'shopping' trips was hard to quantify. It took two basic forms: visiting local shops to make purchases; and drop points to pick up contraband.

"Though it was known that the practice was fairly common, complaints from local residents and shopkeepers were very rare." Judge Tumim said that local people wanted an inner fence built around the residential part of the jail, which was constructed for the RAF 50 years ago.

He said it was clear that the grounds were insufficiently patrolled. He recommended that prison auxiliaries from the jail shop and censors office should undertake daytime patrolling of the grounds.

In a separate report on Albany Jail on the Isle of Wight, the judge said life sentence prisoners had been "sadly neglected". The chief inspector said they had not been offered treatment for drug or alcohol abuse or a support group where their difficulties could be discussed.

Mike Dowsett, head of custody at Albany, defended the prison's record. "We have been engaged in managing the most disruptive prisoners. Security and control meant we did not have a great deal of time left for thorough care with lifers."

☐ *HM Prison Kirkham, report by HM Chief Inspector of Prisons* (Stationery Office; £1.50)

Miles of smiles: *Big Brother Jake* is one of the television shows promised for Britain by Pat Robertson, right, the American evangelist

Evangelist launches TV for family audience

By Jamie Dettmer

GOOD clean laughs, family values and uplifting drama are promised for a satellite television channel available in Britain from next month.

The Family Channel, to be shown via the Astra satellite, is a subsidiary of International Family Entertainment, headed by Pat Robertson, the American evangelist and former right-wing presidential hopeful.

Unveiling the eight-hours-a-night schedule yesterday, IFE executives stressed that the Family Channel in Britain would not show any of the Bible-thumping programmes Mr Robertson transmits in America on his Christian Broadcasting Network.

Instead, it would offer British satellite viewers a diet of golden oldies such as *The Mary Tyler Moore Show*, *The Wonder Years* and *Lou Grant*, as well as several new IFE-produced soft drama series which are careful to promote the kind of old-fashioned values Mr Roberston's mother instilled in her son. *Big Brother Jake* is a comedy series involving a "stuntman who returns to Brooklyn to help his foster mother raise five foster kids".

Although the Family Channel promises its flavour and character will be intrinsically British, only one programme, the quiz show *Trivial Pursuit*, hosted by the comedian Tony Slattery, has been made in Britain.

Selected old British drama series are likely to be broadcast. IFE bought TVS Entertainment, the dispossessed ITV franchise-holder for southern England, and has access to 800 hours of TVS programmes.

Nigel Pickard, director of programmes, acknowledged that some of the programmes on the sister channel in America were "sugary" and that the television market in Britain needed different fare. "If they take three lumps, we will only take one," he said.

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British drink less than EC partners

By Robin Young

BRITONS spend £24 billion a year on alcoholic drink, but are more abstemious than any of their European neighbours, according to a report published today.

The Gaymer Group drinks company, which has compiled the statistics, estimates that the average British adult drinks the equivalent of almost a wine bottle full of pure alcohol every month, or seven litres a year. That is slightly less than Americans and Canadians, slightly more than the Japanese, but markedly less than any of our EC neighbours except the Irish, who drink the equivalent of 7.2 litres of pure alcohol a year.

The biggest drinkers are the Belgians with 11.4 litres, Germans with 11.9, and the French, whose consumption equates to 12.6 litres of pure alcohol per adult a year.

There have been great changes in British drinking habits in the past three decades. Beer still acounts for more than half of UK consumption of alcoholic drink, down from almost three-quarters in 1961.

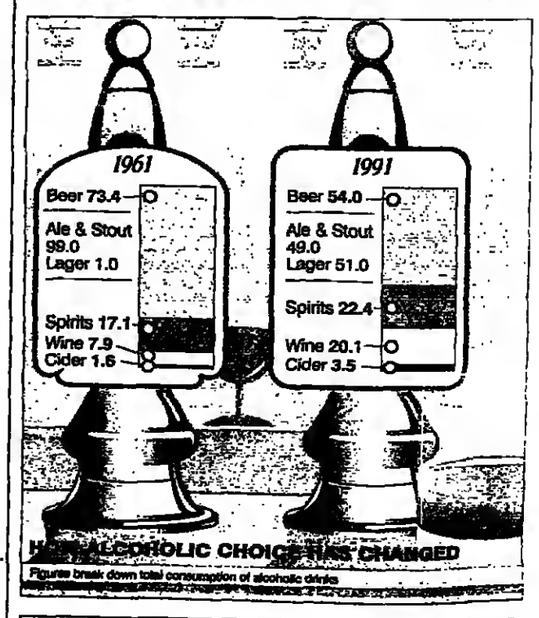
Consumption of wine has multiplied two and a half times in the same period, cider's market share has more than doubled, and the amount of alcohol consumed as spirits is up by more than a third. Since 1960, lager has grown from a 1 per cent share of beer consumption in the UK to account for more than half. Just under 9 per cent of the beer consumed is imported, the highest proportion yet.

Among EC nationals, Britons are the fifth largest beer consumers, drinking almost 110 litres a year each. Germans drink almost 143 litres a year each. Only the Irish, in the EC, drink less wine than the British. Our consumption per head is nearly 13 litres a year, compared with 68 litres for the French.

Though drink sales in Britain still divide three-to-one in favour of on-licensed trade, the report notes that the number of off-licence outlets has doubled in the past three decades. The number of full on-licences is put at about 84,000, a figure said to have remained relatively constant. Some 33,000 are licensed and registered clubs.

Spending on alcohol has been increasing steadily for the past 30 years, but as a percentage of disposable income it has been diminishing since the mid-1970s.

The Gaymer Report: The British Drinker (SFB 156a, Tooley Street, London, SE1 2NR)



Farmer hires guards against crop thieves

A FARMER has hired 24-hour security guards after a series of crop thefts.

Three times in the past four years, thieves have struck on Wilfred Dowty's farm at Ombersley, Hereford and Worcester. He grows vegetables including beans and cauliflower on about 100 acres.

Last year, a crop of beans worth about £20,000 was plundered in a week before he could harvest it. Mr Dowty, 51, has hired guards from the Worcester-based Security Patrol Services company.

He said: "The crunch came when the five acres of beans were cleared. I reckoned that a gang of about 20 would have been needed to collect the beans. They are quite a valuable crop when you consider that they are retailing at about £1 for one pound.

"Crop theft is a growing problem. It has been known for whole orchards of apples to disappear overnight."

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Drivers lose millions in second-hand fraud

By Kevin Eason
Motoring Correspondent

■ Trading standards officers are calling for better laws to protect motorists who fall victim to tricksters and shoddy garages

MOTORISTS are losing hundreds of millions of pounds a year to tricksters and shoddy garages.

Which? magazine reveals today that garages are allowing cars that could be "seriously unsafe" to pass the MoT test. At the same time, trading standards officers across the country are calling for the insurance industry and the government to end the lottery of used car ownership.

An estimated 1.5 million vehicles going for scrap this year will have been "clocked" — had their milage counters turned back — before being sold, costing motorists more than £100 million. Thousands more motorists are duped into buying cars that were insurance write-offs.

The warnings come too late for Eileen Edwards, a widow who lives in Kenilworth, Warwickshire, who spent £4,600 on her Volkswagen Polo only to discover that it was actually two halves of different cars, welded together at the door frame and resprayed.

Mrs Edwards is one of thousands of hapless owners of "cut and shut" cars, as they are known in the trade — cars written off by insurance companies after serious accidents then salvaged and sold by unscrupulous mechanics. She said: "It seemed a bargain. It was just a year old when I bought it in a private sale, so I jumped at it. It was fine for a while but things started to go wrong and I had to spend £700 on repairs."

Mrs Edwards discovered that the car had been involved in a head-on collision only weeks after it was sold from new; its front body section was from another car. "An RAC inspector said I could drive the car," Mrs Edwards said, "but he did not like to think what would happen in an accident."

Mrs Edwards has little chance of redress, as selling a "cut and shut" is not illegal. The Institute for Trading Standards Administration wants the insurance industry to tighten up the way it disposes of written-off vehicles.

The 64,000 cases a year relating to used cars make up the biggest single source of consumer complaints logged with the Office of Fair Trading. Mike Wadsley, a council member of the Institute for Trading Standards Administration, said: "There are so many areas where motorists are losing out that we know the related losses are huge. We want a round table discussion with the insurance industry and ministers."

For millions of motorists, the annual MoT check is taken as a guarantee that they own a roadworthy machine, but the survey by *Which?* magazine demonstrates that it is not. Testers bought six second-hand cars and inspected them thoroughly for faults before taking them to 36 garages for an MoT test. Eight garages passed cars which should have failed. One car was in such a poor state that a Watford garage aborted the test and recommended that the car be scrapped. Another garage, according to *Which?*, had missed ten failure reports and said the car was "generally in a good condition".

The minefield of the MoT pales in comparison with the chances of buying a car which has been "clocked".

Turning back the milage counter, or odometer, in a used car to make it appear newer is now widespread. The Institute for Trading Standards Administration says that two simple measures could help to end clocking: Motorists can notify milage to the Driver Vehicle Licensing Agency when they relinquish ownership but the government has so far resisted pleas to make the milage registration compulsory.

A compulsory scheme would mean that buyers could check immediately what the milage should be. Tamper-proof odometers could also be fitted, devices described as too expensive by the motor industry, but which the institute calculates would save millions of pounds in fraud.

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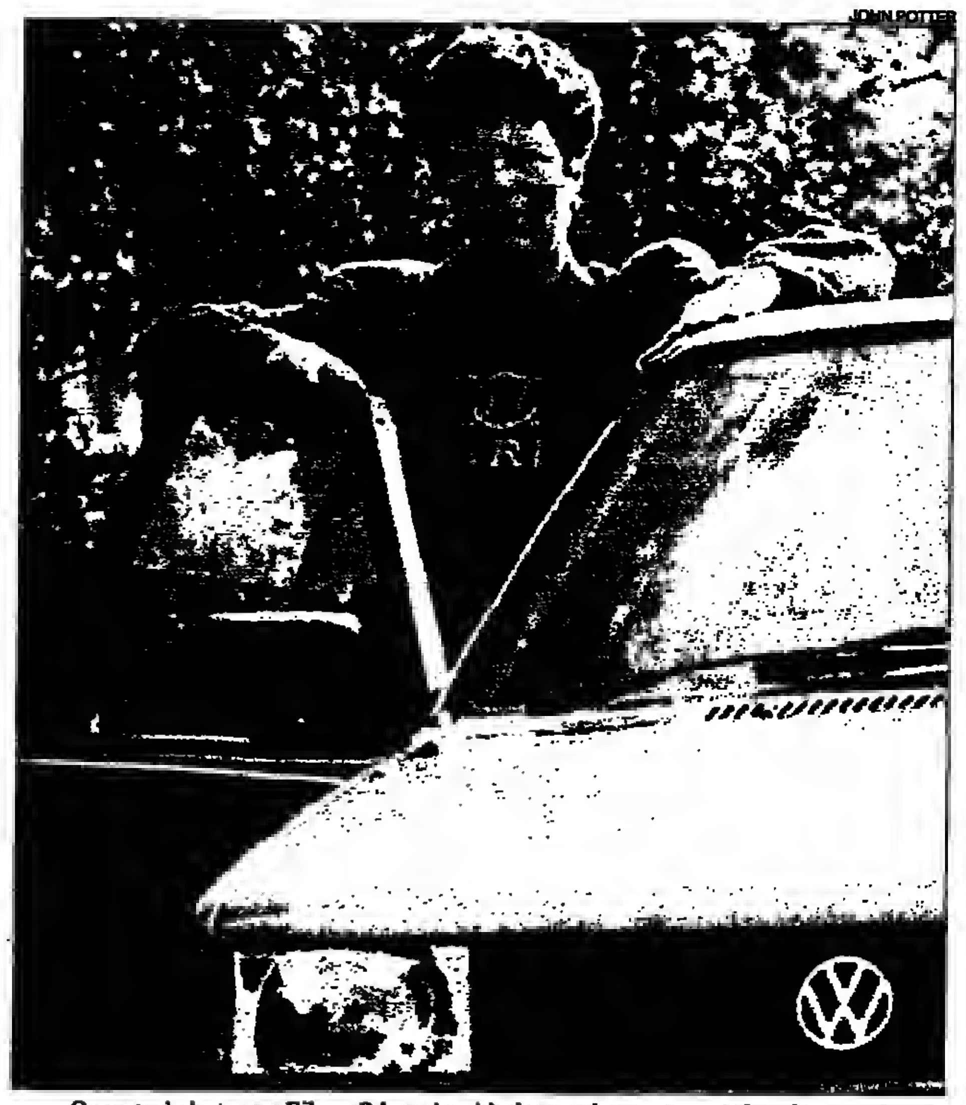


Open and shut case: Eileen Edwards with the car that was more than it seemed

Most child seats fail crash test

By Our Motoring Correspondent

ONLY eight out of 23 child seats, which pass official safety regulations, passed crash tests organised by the Consumers' Association.

The association's *Which?* magazine fitted child seats to inertia reel belts, like those in most modern cars, and put them through a 31mph crash. The investigation was prompted by transport department figures which show that 9,000 children a year are killed or injured on Britain's roads.

Investigators discovered that most seats were not restrained effectively enough in inertia belts, which do not lock immediately, unlike the more traditional static belts.

Sue Leggate, editor of *Which?*, said: "It is high time regulations were improved." However, *Which?* emphasises that some protection is better than none and recommends the use of child seats, which prevent children being tossed around inside the car.

Best buys recommended by *Which?* are: the Klippan Carrytot, price £40: Mothercare Baby Travel £39: AA Euroseat £50 and the Britax Cruiser £53.

Nurse found thumb in take-away salad

By A Staff Reporter

A NURSE who bit into "something solid" in the last mouthful of a take-away salad was horrified to discover that it was the end of someone's thumb, a court was told yesterday.

Rebecca Pothecary made the discovery after buying four salads for herself and colleagues from Anthony's Take-Away in Tottenham Street, central London, in April.

In a prosecution brought by Camden council, Clerkenwell Magistrates' Court was told that Ms Pothecary took one of the salads home to share with her boy friend.

"She was chewing the final forkful of what she thought was shredded cabbage when she felt something resist her bite and immediately spat it out," the court was told.

"When she looked, she realised that it was the top of someone's thumb and attached to it was part of a thumbnail. This had in fact been dyed slightly red by the red cabbage in the salad."

She put the piece of thumb in the fridge and later took it to Camden's environmental health department, which visited the sandwich bar two days later and was told that an employee had had an accident while slicing red cabbage.

Anthony Daniels, of Enfield, north London, admitted breaking health regulations and was fined £200, ordered to pay costs of £400 and £200 compensation to Ms Pothecary.

He told the court: "I am aware that as the boss of a sandwich bar I am responsible for the cleanliness of my bar, despite the stupid behaviour of some of my colleagues. I was dumbstruck and annoyed that they could have let this happen."

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

Training young talent

Opportunities for young players to train at international standard were given at the Smith and Williamson Young Masters in Guildford. The leading British scores at the recently concluded tournament were as follows: Jonathan Parker (England) who ties for first place with 7 points out of 11 and Michael Hennigan (England) who scored 6½.

White: Poulton
Black: Hennigan
Smith and Williamson
Young Masters 1993

Pirc Defence

1	e4	g6
2	d4	Bg7
3	Nc3	d6
4	Nf3	Nf6
5	Be2	0-0
6	0-0	c5
7	d5	Na6
8	h3	Nc7
9	Re1	a6
10	a4	Bd7
11	e5	dxe5
12	Nxe5	Nfxd5
13	Nxd5	Bxe5
14	Nb6	Bd6
15	Nxa8	Qxa8
16	Bc4	b6
17	Bh6	Rd8
18	Qd3	Bc6
19	Qc3	e5
20	Rxe5	Bxe5
21	Qxe5	Ne8
22	Qe7	Black resigns

Explanation of Chess Ratings

Readers new to chess are often puzzled by the chess rating system. There is a twice-yearly ranking list issued by the World Chess Federation. It was devised by Professor Arpad Elo. On Professor Elo's scale the following numbers correspond approximately to the following playing strengths.

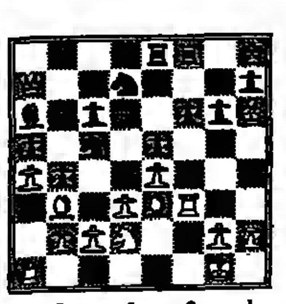
2805	Garry Kasparov (World Record)
2700	World Champion
2600	World Championship Candidate
2500	Grandmaster
2400	International Master
2300	Master
2200	Strong international rated player
2000	International rated player

Controversially FIDE have eliminated both Kasparov and Short from their current list. The Professional Chess Association, under the auspices of which the world championship match is being played, is working on its own replacement list, which will doubtless use the same numerical scale.

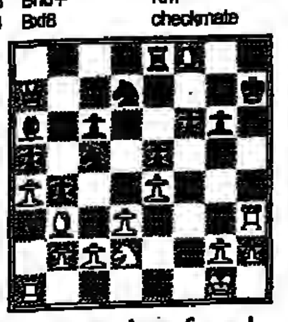
Great Briton

This week I continue to pay homage to Nigel Short's great British predecessor, Joseph Blackburne. To show Blackburne's play at its best and to help readers new to chess to follow the notation for writing down the moves I have put one diagram for the moment the crisis breaks and a second one to show the final checkmate, which is introduced with a superb queen sacrifice.

White: Blackburne
Black: Hanham
New York 1889



1	Qxh7+	Kxh7
2	Rh3+	Kg7
3	Bh6+	Kh7
4	Bxf8	checkmate



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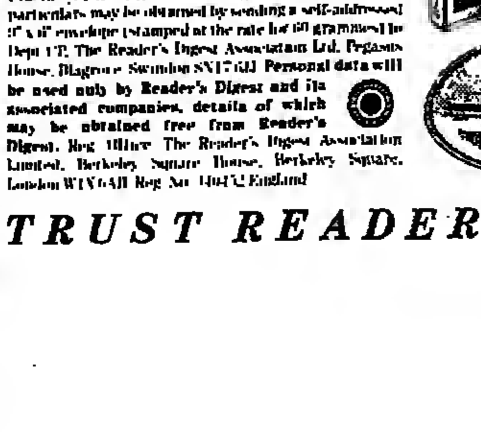

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Currency turmoil has also devalued Delors

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

■ The exchange-rate mechanism crisis has turned the European Commission president into a recluse, who is all but inaudible among European leaders

IN A fascinating political diary recently published by Jacques Attali, the former aide to President Mitterrand, there is a scene which must have come back to haunt Jacques Delors last Sunday.

In March 1983, the French franc was under pressure in the financial markets and threatened with devaluation. M Delors, France's finance minister of the time, went to see M Mitterrand, then in the early years of his first term. "If the Germans tell us next Monday, in spite of our veiled threats, that they won't revalue the deutschmark, we'll have to come out of the exchange-rate mechanism on the Tuesday." M Attali records an anxious M Delors telling the president.

Last week, similarly fretful exchanges must have been heard throughout the French government. On Sunday night, Edmond Alphandéry, the unfortunate holder of the job M Delors once had, faced the same implacable German muscle. As his plans for monetary union were dealt a colossal blow, M Delors, still half-immobilised with sciatica, was not even present, following events by phone, television and regular messages faxed to his home near Sens in Burgundy.

But his timing was wrong. He spoke to one French television station and recommended that the ERM's troubles be solved by floating the mark free of the system. By the time the soundbite was aired, he was hours behind the game: the finance ministers in Brussels had discarded the idea. The affable, bearded spokesman for the German finance ministry came down to relay the reaction from Theo Waigel, the German finance minister. Herr Waigel wished the president of the European Commission a speedy recovery but sympathised with his difficulties following such a meeting from his sickbed. To hear any German politician or official say anything personally critical of Delors is rare; such a dismissive put-down is almost unheard of.

M Delors himself has been devalued. This week his staff have had to twist arms to pull the EC's 16 other commissioners back from their holidays for an emergency meeting tomorrow. On Tuesday, an embarrassingly small total of nine had agreed; by yesterday the total was a respectable 14.

Attali: related a tale to haunt Jacques Delors

The effective suspension of the ERM is only the latest and greatest of a series of knocks which he and his vision of a federal European superpower have taken in the past two years. The man who in 1990 could enrage Margaret Thatcher, who drew up a timetable for a single currency and who reigned as the undisputed star of the 1992 single market programme has become a recluse, all but invisible and inaudible.

M Delors' reputation and power have been over-inflated both by his enemies and his friends. Although tense and moody in private, he is not remotely arrogant or imperious. He has rarely been elected to any office and his career and temperament are those of an administrator and negotiator.

M Delors' influence has been derived from his ability to form a potent triangular alliance with M Mitterrand and Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor. HerrKohl has particular reason to be grateful to M Delors, who speaks good German. When German reunification loomed and the French political class was approaching something close to a collective nervous breakdown, M Delors threw the weight of the Commission behind bringing eastern Germany rapidly into the EC.

But he was brutally marginalised by all the governments during the Maastricht treaty negotiations after badly misjudging how far France and Germany were prepared to expand the powers of the Commission. The boost to the Commission's powers in the treaty is insignificant beside the strangelhold on the system it gives the governments.

In Brussels, architecture is imitating politics. Beside the empty landmark of the Berlaymont building, evacuated by the Commission because it is crammed with asbestos, rises a vast new headquarters which M Delors has been heard calling the "Ceaucescu palace".

He and his staff were wounded by a recent French newspaper article which depicted him as a "sullen scourge" now sitting on the sidelines. But even when he is restored to health and the EC has started to think about exchange rate systems all over again, he will not enjoy his previous power and status.

The difficult, and unfinished, birth of the Maastricht treaty has revealed that his vision is not the popular crusade he once imagined it to be.

TEIT HORINGAK

Painful progress: Jacques Delors was kept on the sidelines during the ERM siege by an attack of sciatica

Italy MPs waive Craxi immunity

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

THE Italian parliament yesterday dismissed protests by Bettino Craxi, the former Socialist prime minister, that he was being made "a scapegoat" and waived his parliamentary immunity from prosecution so he can be investigated in Italy's corruption scandals.

Now magistrates in Milan can investigate Signor Craxi on 31 counts of bribery, corruption, extortion and breaking the law on financing of political parties. A previous request by the magistrates to strip him of his immunity was rejected and led to the former communist Democratic Party of the Left pulling out of the government.

The decision came hours after the Chamber passed the long-awaited electoral reform bill at the end of an overnight session. Under the new system 75 per cent of parliamentary seats will be elected by a British-style first-past-the-post system and 25 per cent by proportional representation.

Deputies listened in silence as Signor Craxi made an obsequious speech, evidently hoping he might again escape his fate as the principal figure in the corruption scandal.

☐ **Falcone links:** Gino La Barbera and Santino Di Matteo, jailed Mafia suspects, have been linked to the murder of Judge Giovanni Falcone that shocked the nation in May last year, Italian television reported. *(Reuter)*

French leader refuses to heed demands for new economic policy

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

EDOUARD Balladur, the French prime minister, turned a deaf ear yesterday to the chorus of demands for a U-turn in economic policy and said nothing had changed since the speculative hurricane that ripped the monetary system apart.

"Nothing which has happened leads one to think that France needs less financial discipline and less stability in the monetary field," he told the first cabinet meeting since the Sunday meeting in Brussels. His business-as-usual stance disappointed markets and the growing army of neo-nationalists, many among the prime minister's own Gaullist party, who want France to follow the British model and cut interest rates immediately. M Balladur's line implies that the government will continue with its policy of gradually reducing rates in conjunction with German moves to avoid depreciating the franc further.

Anti-Maastricht critics on both the right and left ridiculed what they said was a dangerous exercise in wishful thinking. The satirical *Le Canard Enchainé*, yesterday awarded him its prize for inanity of the week for his remark that "the frank has kept its value".

President Mitterrand also delivered his first formal reaction on the Brussels decision in an address to the cabinet, but in an unusual step neither the government nor presidential spokesmen would divulge what he said. Sunday's conversion of *le franc fort* into *le franc mou* (the soft franc), as it is now dubbed, was a heavy blow to the Socialist president, who considered the strong currency one of his greatest achievements and had hoped to go down in history as the Moses of France's journey to the promised land of a federal Europe. M Balladur has been at pains to point out that all the weekend's decisions were taken in close consultation with the president and the two are effectively working in alliance against the forces in both their parties who oppose their devotion to monetary rigour and the tight Bonn-Paris link.

The mainstream political classes on both sides yesterday threw their weight behind the campaign by M Balladur and his ministers to shore up relations with Bonn. France must have "a strong Paris-Bonn axis even if close and friendly co-operation does not always mean an identity of views on all subjects," M Balladur said, according to Nicholas Sarkozy, the budget minister and government spokesman.

Privately, many French officials are still smarting from the German failure to play the European game and drop interest rates and they are unhappy over what many see as the indecent haste to flatter the Germans. On Tuesday, Edmond Alphandery, the economy minister, an academic who converted to politics, presented Theo Waigel, the German finance minister, and other German officials with medals commemorating Franco-German partnership and lavished praise on the government and Bundesbank leaders, whose decisions contributed to France's agonies.

Balladur: standing by Paris-Bonn axis

M Balladur left for an Alpine holiday yesterday saying it was time to "let things settle down" with Germany. The atmosphere was not helped by Gunter Rexrodt, the German economy minister, who said: France must take care not to try to make others bear responsibility for its own problems."

The government yesterday played down a ruling from the watchdog Constitutional Council that aspects of a law to make the Bank of France independent, in line with the Maastricht Treaty, could not be implemented until the treaty came into force. Parliament could not give the bank the power to define monetary policy or ensure price stability since these were major elements of economic policy, for which the government was responsible, said the council. The treaty is due to come into force in the autumn.

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Fellini jokes from hospital bed after suffering stroke

BY JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THE condition of Federico Fellini, the Italian film director, who was admitted to hospital with a stroke on Tuesday, improved yesterday, doctors said. He felt well enough to joke with hospital staff.

Fellini, 73, director of such classics as *La Dolce Vita* and *8½*, was paralysed on his left side after being taken ill while holidaying at the Grand Hotel on the Adriatic coast.

A medical bulletin said he was in a stable condition and showed no signs of haemorrhagine. Gianfranco Turchetti, his personal doctor, said: "He was in a good mood. He seemed calm. He told me to say that he was locked in a room with three nurses."

Fellini, who has received five Oscars for his work, was taken ill at his native Rimini while on holiday but did not lose consciousness or speech. He was partially paralysed in his left leg and left arm. He was shown on Italian television yesterday shouting at reporters: "What the hell are you doing here?"

Messages of concern poured in from his admirers, including Woody Allen, the American director and actor who played in his many films. One of the first came from Marcello Mastroianni.

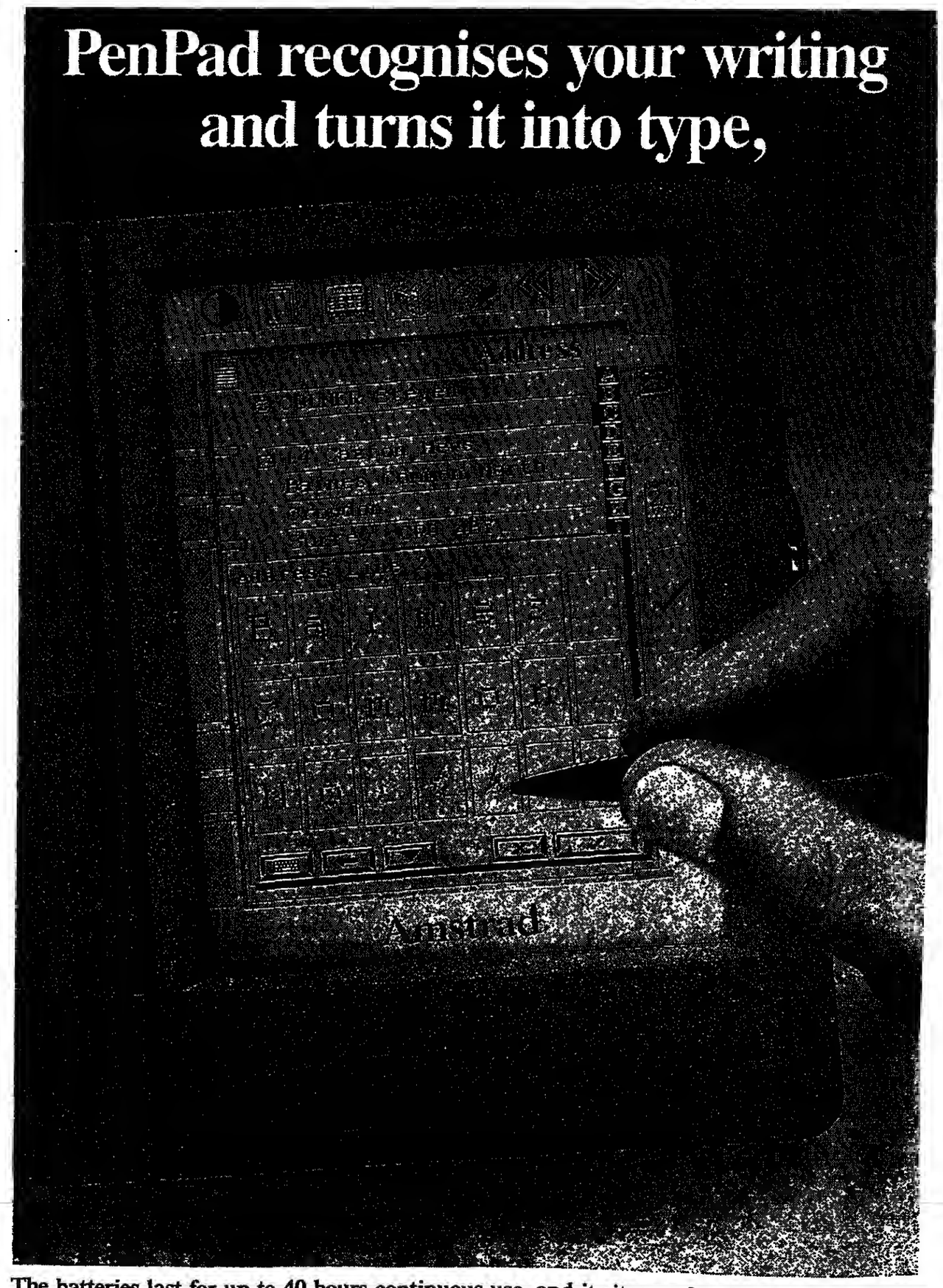
Another came from actor Anthony Quinn, the fire-eater who bullied Fellini's actress-wife Giulietta Masina in his first Oscar-winning effort, *La Strada*, made in 1954.

Fellini returned last month to Rimini — the setting for his 1983 nostalgic reminiscences of the resort's bygone glory *E La Nave Va* — after undergoing an operation on his aorta, the body's main artery, in Zurich. Doctors have said the current illness was not connected with the operation. They said that the stroke could have been caused by embolism or thrombosis, or a combination of the two.

Giulietta Masina rushed to his side on Tuesday night and Fellini telephoned her as soon as he woke up yesterday.

"He is not speaking a lot. He keeps asking for his wife," Fellini's brother-in-law, Giorgio Fabbri said. "These are tragic moments," he added.

Fellini in March received an Oscar for life-long achievement in the film industry. He felt unwell as he was resting on his hotel bed on Tuesday afternoon. When he reached for the telephone to call for help, he fell, bruising his face and left eye.



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Rules of engagement emphasise proportional response

UN commander proposes limited Bosnia air strikes

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE United Nations commander in Bosnia has drafted a set of rules of engagement that would limit any Nato air strikes in Bosnia-Herzegovina to proportionate retaliatory raids on military targets responsible for attacks on "safe areas" or UN peacekeepers.

UN sources said yesterday that the proposals by General Jean Cot had yet to be approved by Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general, who may delay a decision to decide on wider air strikes on the Bosnian Serbs until after next Monday's Nato meeting.

However, the draft makes clear that the UN has no intention of launching a full-scale blitz to break the siege of Sarajevo. "Close air support must only be used in response to a clearly identified deliberate hostile act," the draft says. "We do not want carpet-bombing by B-52s," one UN official said. "Ideally, we want to get the guy who triggered the artillery piece that smashed our armoured personnel carrier."

General Cot's proposal says that, because of the danger of "deceptive provocation", Nato warplanes should respond to attacks on UN-designated "safe areas" or UN peacekeepers only when the offenders can be "clearly identified". The retaliatory air strike should be prompt and "proportional" to the offence.

Mladic said his forces had taken Mount Igman

The proposal says the raid should be aimed only at the specific offender, unless there is a danger of collateral damage, in which case the retaliatory raid should be against a "comparable military or the same party as close as possible to the origin of the attack".

The proposed rules say the UN secretary-general, who must give the order for the first use of air power, may have to do so without consulting the security council. Subsequent raids will be controlled by the UN force commander and run in accordance with the UN chain of command.

General Cot's proposal is very much in line with the doctrine enunciated by another French general, Philippe Morillon. After leaving his Bosnia command, General Morillon emphasised that any air strike should be limited in time and scope to a direct response to the attack, in order to avoid an escalation of the conflict.

France now provides the largest number of UN troops in Bosnia, and has emerged as the key player in fixing policy. At the Nato meeting in Brussels last Monday, France insisted that General Cot, as the commander of UN forces, should control the use of Nato air power in support of UN troops.

The United States wanted authority to lie with Admiral Mike Boorda, the American in charge of Nato's southern command in Naples.

Nato will establish the command and control procedures for air attacks in Bosnia at its meeting next Monday. British sources say that Nato, as well as the UN, will be able to request air strikes, but the UN commander will at least have the power to postpone, and possibly to veto, any Nato action.

As the UN put the finishing touches to its rules of engagement, General Ratko Mladic, the commander of the Bosnian Serb forces, claimed that his fighters had wrested control of an important position on Mount Igman, dominating Sarajevo. Bosnian government forces said their lines were still holding but that their position was "critical". The fall of the peak would close the Serb siege around Sarajevo. The capital itself was quiet during the morning after some machinegun and shell fire overnight.

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Periscope view: a Bosnian Serb soldier scans Sarajevo from one of the captured positions overlooking the city

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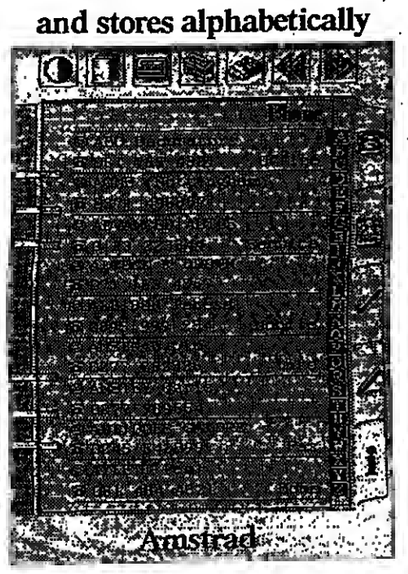

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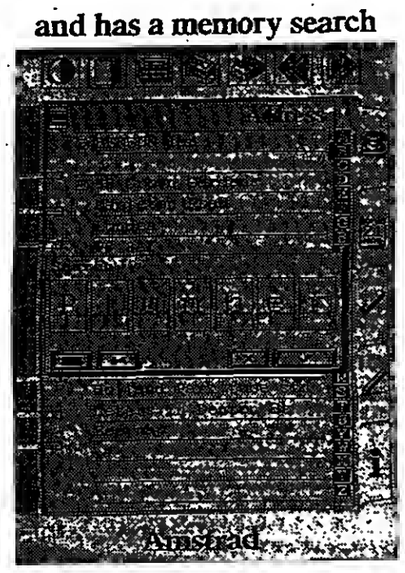

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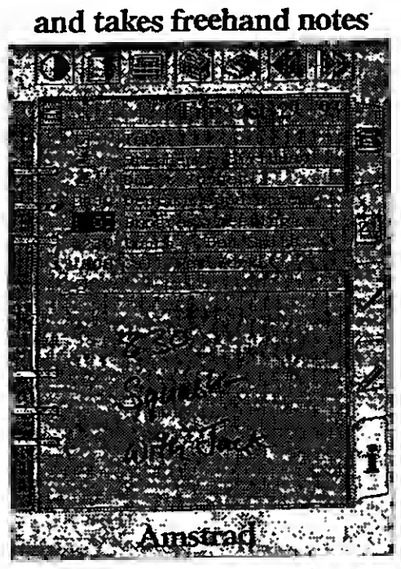

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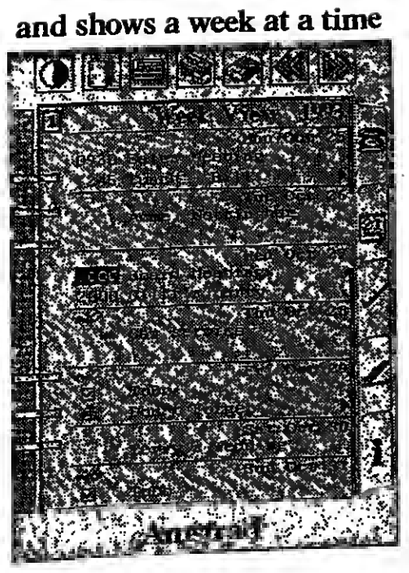

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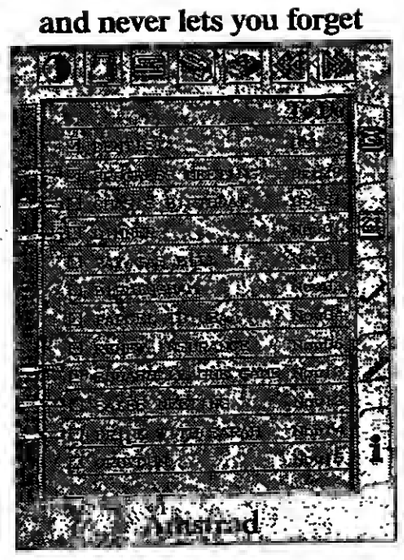

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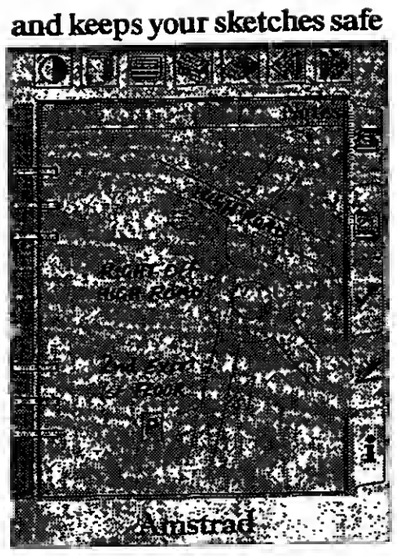

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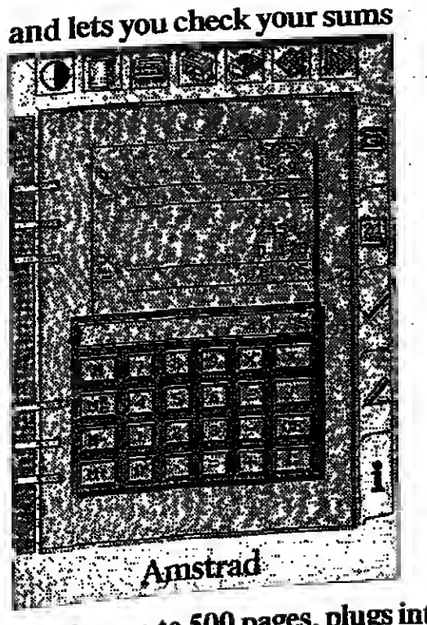

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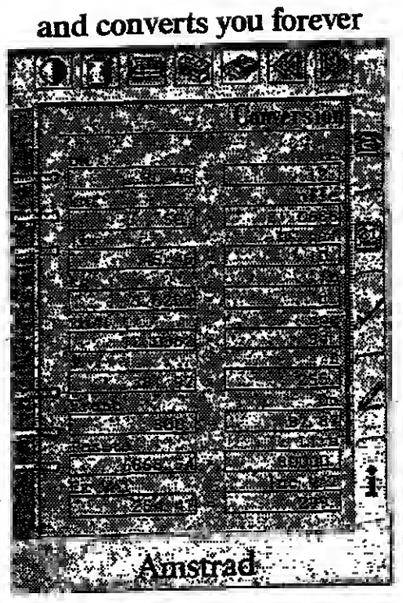

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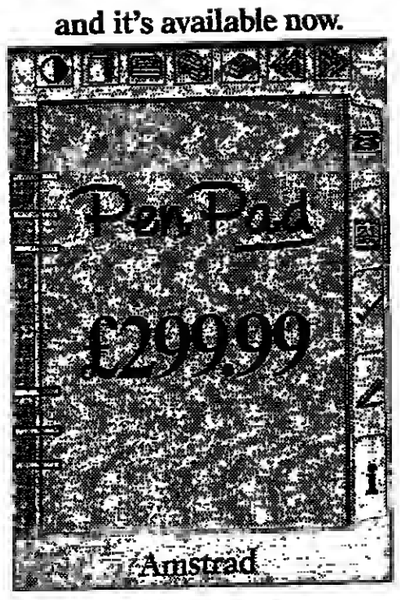

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Yeltsin vows to carry on with his reforms

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

■ Russia is confused and divided after the central bank's currency reform. President Yeltsin must concentrate on restoring confidence in his government

PRESIDENT Yeltsin yesterday denied rumours that his health was failing and pledged that his reforms would continue despite the uncertainty sown by the central bank's currency reform and his indecisive response to it.

Mr Yeltsin made his first public appearance since last month's rouble debacle in Oryol, southern Russia, where he commemorated the fiftieth anniversary of the battle of Kursk and delivered a message intended to restore confidence in his government, which has appeared divided and confused in the wake of the unpopular reform.

Responding to a claim by the conservative *Rossiskaya Gazeta* that he was suffering from strain and exhaustion, he said: "I don't know where all these whispers are coming from that my health is failing. I interrupted my holiday because of urgent work. A sick person would not do that, so there is no need for concern over my physical state."

The president, who has a history of heart trouble, showed unusual readiness to discuss persistent rumours that he is in ill-health, reflecting his determination to appear physically and politically robust as he prepares to fight off a renewed hardline challenge. The outing to an event marking one of the great Soviet victories of the second world war was planned carefully to carry the right symbolism for a leader whose energy reserves have appeared depleted throughout the summer.

He defended his privatisation programme and accused the conservative-led parliament of attempting to derail the economy by promoting measures that were "provocative and aimed at harming the people", a comment clearly intended to include the way in which the currency reform was conducted, but he stopped short of referring to it outright. "Our reforms would have been more successful and there would have been more order were it not for the permanent political strife and intrigues," he said.

Yeltsin: denied rumour of his failing health

Mr Yeltsin's tactics still leave unclear the extent to which he had foreknowledge of the currency reform. Most of the mopping up operation in the wake of a damaging cabinet split it unleashed between Viktor Chernomyrdin, the prime minister, and Boris Fyodorov, the finance minister, is being conducted behind closed doors. Mr Chernomyrdin approved the reform without informing Mr Fyodorov, who referred to it as a "Bolshevik tactic".

Unless Mr Yeltsin can restore a semblance of unity to his government, he will be hard pressed to force through the constitutional changes he wants to enhance his authority and diminish the role of the hostile parliament. Russia's commercial bankers are unlikely to be satisfied with his evasive response to the abrupt withdrawal of pre-1993 notes, which unsettled Russian savers and caused turmoil throughout the rouble zone. The country's Association of Bankers said yesterday that it would press for a review of the move by the constitutional court.

Murder of Briton alarms Moscow's foreigners

BY ANNE MCELVOY

Until now, the brutal murder of Greg Kushtan, a British businessman, in his Moscow hotel room last Sunday night was the sort of killing associated with Russia's underworld.

Mr Kushtan, 31, a marketing consultant, was found dead with multiple stab wounds in the vast Mezhdunarodnaya (International) hotel on Monday morning. Police said his injuries seemed to have been inflicted by several assailants.

The rivalries of Russia's emerging business world are being conducted with increasingly blatant violence. A series of shoot-outs within the past fortnight in Moscow have shocked even a population that has become hardened to the street vendettas that have become part of post-Communist life.

The manager of an Azerbaijani restaurant was shot dead last week. The assassins then turned their fire on two nearby kiosk vendors who had witnessed the attack, killing them as well. Four men died in the previous week when a gang of gunmen burst into a Russian-Italian car showroom in the south of the capital to exact revenge over non-payment of money owed in a protection racket.

Until recently, the received wisdom among foreigners has been that business violence was confined to local or ethnic feuds, an impression the authorities do their best to reinforce by playing down the "home grown" element and concentrating on the role of the Caucasian mafia in Moscow's criminal world.

But the growth of joint ventures opens Westerners to the same risks. These days extortion gangs do not hesitate to demand protection money from foreign firms and are quick to exact revenge if they do not get it. Sergei Goryachev, the Russian-born manager of the popular American "Trenmos" restaurants in Moscow, was murdered outside his home, shot in the head and chest by a masked assassin.

Even the mightiest Russian entrepreneurs are powerless against the wave of killings. Five top bankers have written to President Yeltsin appealing for his help to combat what they describe as an "orchestrated campaign of murder and hostage taking" directed against commercial bankers.

Mr Kushtan is the first Briton to die in what appears to be a business-related attack, but there has been a steady growth in general violence against foreigners. What particularly unnerves the foreign community about his death is that he was killed inside a respected hard-currency hotel that is used by business travellers for long stays in the capital.

The grandiose building, on the banks of the Moskva river, is home to an English-style pub that has become the haunt of British technical and construction workers who are working in Moscow. Yesterday the bar was empty.

Rejected Khmer Rouge turns on Cambodia

*The Khmer Rouge has launched a violent campaign in its bid for a role in government. **James Pringle** writes from Phnom Penh*

Pol Pot: bloody leader of Cambodian guerrillas

KHMER Rouge guerrillas have launched a series of brutal attacks with the appareot aim of killing and injuring Cambodians simply to drive home the message that there can be no real peace unless tbe organisation has a role in government. The attacks come just as the first United Nations troops leave the country after supervising successful elections in May and bringing hints of possible peace to a war-weary people.

Senior UN officials yesterday were studying reports of the ambush of a train near the coastal city of Kampot earlier this week. About 80 guerrillas took part, including 20 black-clad *mit neary* (women comrades), who waved pistols and AK47 rifles and screamed death threats. Ten passengers were killed, one of them the daughter of a woman whose husband was murdered during the bloody reign of Pol Pot, the Khmer Rouge leader in the late 1970s. "They were very cruel," one passenger said.

Yasushi Akashi, the UN chief in Cambodia, is sending a stinging letter today to Khieu Samphan, nominal head of the Khmer Rouge, about new threats against Cambodia's ethnic Vietnamese minority that have been broadcast by Khmer Rouge radio. The threats have stirred renewed fears of vicious pogroms such as those that sent thousands of Vietnamese fleeing across the border to safety earlier this year.

Ominously, the Khmer Rouge has begun calling the new provisional government a "Vietnamese-installed regime". The government was, in fact, properly elected in the conspicuously successful UN-supervised elections — 90 per cent of the electorate turned out in spite of a Khmer Rouge boycott and threats against voters. Also, the royalist Funcinpec party, which formerly had an uneasy alliance with the Khmer Rouge and won most votes in the election, is now part of the new government and was never allied to Vietnam.

Khmer Rouge guerrillas this week also attacked a UN outpost on the Thai border, apparently with at least some Thai army collusion. In addition, they shelled the airport at Siem Reap near the ruins of Angkor.

A UN report made public yesterday said the Khmer Rouge attack on a checkpoint oo the Thai-Cambodian border on Sunday, in which 21 UN personnel were temporarily detained, was launched partly from Thailand with the assistance of the Thai military. The report said at least two wounded Khmer Rouge guerrillas were taken away for treatment in Thai ambulances.

Chuan Leekpai, the Thai prime minister, denied the UN claims yesterday. But it is common knowledge in the region that local military commanders, especially in the northeast, have business links with Khmer Rouge commanders, including the feared Ta Mok, a Khmer Rouge leader known to Cambodians as "The Butcher", who in the past has lived some of the time in Thailand's Sisakhet province, where he buys supplies for his troops.

Reviewing the position in Cambodia, an analyst in Phnom Penh said yesterday: "The big worry is that the whole military situation is going to collapse when the UN leaves." Most foreign diplomats and observers, however, believe that this predication is too pessimistic. General John Sanderson, the UN military chief in the capital, pointed out last mooth that while the Khmer Rouge was still a danger, with an ability to create problems, it was "incapable of seizing any towns or holding on to them".

Clinton's budget hangs on vote of Arizona senator

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

■ **The President has fought hard to gain support for his promised budget savings. His policies hang on the will of Democratic senators to back or wreck his administration**

ON THE EVE of two cliff-hanger votes in Congress on President Clinton's $496 billion (£330 billion) package to reduce the deficit, Dennis DeConcini, Arizona's Democratic senator, was temporarily transformed into America's most pampered and powerful politician.

The White House believed it would narrowly prevail in today's House vote, but it was still striving to win over one of seven dissident Democrats to avert a Senate defeat that would cripple Mr Clinton's presidency. Mr DeConcini was its best and possibly only hope, but yesterday he was still "leaning against".

The president was offering the Arizonan every inducement. He signed an executive order mandating that all $240 billion of new taxes in the package be used for deficit reduction — a DeConcini initiative the Senate had rejected. In an Oval Office address to the nation on Tuesday night Mr Clinton praised just one senator — Mr DeConcini.

The senator, heavily implicated in the Savings and Loan scandal, faces a tough re-election battle next year and Arizonans strongly oppose the package. In his response to Mr Clinton's address Bob Dole, the Senate's Republican minority leader, said the package contained "the largest tax increase in world history" and warned senior citizens in Arizona to "look out. The Clinton plan is bad news for you and all other Americans."

Failing Mr DeConcini, the administration's only other hopes were Senators Sam Nunn of Georgia and Richard Bryan of Nevada. Both were longshots, however, and there were signs that Senators Bob Kerrey and Joseph Leiberman were wavering in their support. Huge media campaigns were being waged in these senators' home states, and local reporters were being offered Oval Office interviews with the president.

Mr Clinton's address was the climax of an all-out public relations offensive to galvanise support for the cornerstone of his political agenda. He cast the package as a decisive break with the Republican era's "something for nothing" economics that would revive the American dream by reviving the American economy.

He called it the largest deficit reduction package ever with more than 80 per cent of its new taxes falling on the rich who benefited most from Reaganomics. The choice was "our plan or no plan... We cannot afford not to act. I need your help. I need for you to tell the people's representatives to get on with the people's business."

Within two hours of his address and Mr Dole's rebuttal the public placed an estimated ten million telephone calls to Capitol Hill, but instant polls suggested the president had failed to generate the popular pressure that might have clinched the House and Senate votes. Most agreed with Mr Dole that the package would neither improve the economy nor cut the deficit.

Mr Clinton made a final push yesterday, lobbying in person on the Hill. However, the plan has few enthusiastic congressional supporters, and if it is enacted it will be largely because of the Democrats' reluctance to wreck the first Democratic presidency since the 1970s.

In May the House passed its version of Mr Clinton's plan by a mere six votes, and in June the Senate's version was approved after Al Gore, the vice-president, broke a tied vote. Those razor-thin margins have given individual congressmen extraordinary leverage. Senator Herb Kohl single-handedly beat off attempts to raise the petrol tax by more than 4.3 cents a gallon. Senator Russ Feingold had a ban on growth hormones for cows written into the bill. Senator Bryan was given tax breaks for restaurant owners to help Las Vegas.

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Point of order: George Mitchell, centre, the Senate majority leader, calling for questions at a press conference

NEWS IN BRIEF

Lebanon opens talks on peace process

Zahle: Warren Christopher, the American Secretary of State, began talks here in eastern Lebanon yesterday after Syria said a ceasefire he brokered stopped Arab-Israeli peace negotiations from being buried in the rubble of an Israeli attack last week.

Officials said his talks would focus on hopes to revive the negotiations, which America had feared would be derailed by the assault on south Lebanon, displacing 500,000 people, and leaving 120 dead and 1,000 wounded.

Hundreds of Lebanese troops backed by tanks fanned near Israel's self-declared "security zone" in a show of force aimed to reassure residents who had returned to rebuild their homes. *(Reuter)*

Truce signed

Arusha: President Habyarimana of Rwanda and rebel leaders have signed an agreement to end 34 months of civil war at a ceremony in Arusha, northern Tanzania, attended by regional leaders and foreign diplomats. *(Reuter)*

Little progress

Hong Kong: Talks with China on Hong Kong's controversial £14.5 billion airport project broke up without agreement, ending a flurry of optimistic activity on the local stock market. Anthony Galsworthy, the British negotiator, said the talks had only "edged forwards".

Killer hunted

New York: A serial killer who might have murdered as many as five homosexual men and dismembered their bodies is being hunted by police in New York, Philadelphia and New Jersey. The murderer appears to pick up men in gay bars in New York City.

'Miracle' birth

Oakland: Doctors have delivered a baby boy by Caesarean section 104 days after his mother was declared brain-dead. The "miracle" infant, weighing 4lb 15oz, is healthy. The mother was declared brain dead after being shot in the head. *(AFP)*

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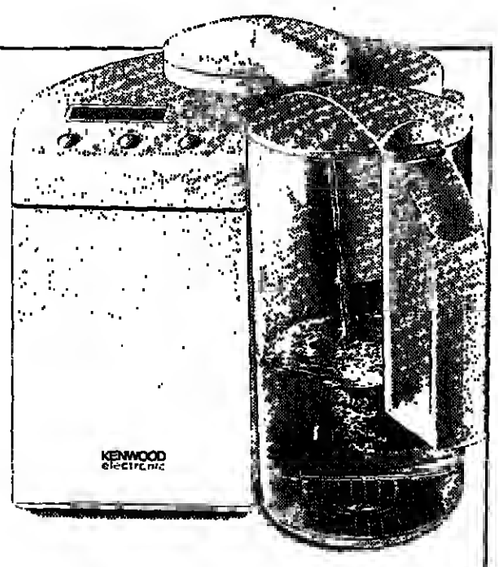

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US and Israel vie for Demjanjuk

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

A FURIOUS legal tug-of-war erupted yesterday between Israeli and American judicial authorities over the fate of John Demjanjuk after a court in Ohio ordered that the former car worker be returned to the United States.

In the latest twist in the 16-year legal saga, Israel insisted yesterday that it would not relinquish Mr Demjanjuk, who was acquitted last week by the Israeli supreme court of being "Ivan the Terrible", the Nazi camp guard at the Treblinka concentration camp.

"The state of Israel is sovereign. At this stage, we work by Israeli court decisions," said Dubi Ben-Ami, for the prison service.

Mr Demjanjuk, 73, is likely to remain in his top security cell until next Wednesday, when the high court will decide whether to retry him for being another SS guard at the Sobibor death camp.

The Israeli decision is bound to infuriate American authorities. Following Mr Demjanjuk's acquittal, the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati ruled that Mr Demjanjuk should be allowed back to America to give evidence in his appeal against the 1986 extradition order. Gilbert Merritt, the chief judge, said that Mr Demjanjuk was extradited to Israel "to be tried only for the charges in the warrant against him" and that Israel would "violate basic precepts of international law" if it prosecuted him on fresh charges.

However, the American ruling led to an angry response from Jewish-American groups and Nazi hunters. "There is sufficient evidence to prosecute and convict Demjanjuk of war crimes and he should not be allowed to walk free," said Ephraim Zuroff, director of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre in Jerusalem. He added that the centre presented a new petition to the Israeli high court yesterday, to hamper Mr Demjanjuk's possible return to America.

To complicate matters further, the Ukrainian ambassador to Tel Aviv disclosed that if Mr Demjanjuk was considering returning to his native Ukraine, he could face war crimes charges in Kiev as well.

Briton says officials knew of Nazi past

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

A FORMER SS camp guard who is to be deported from the United States said the British authorities were aware of his background when they granted him citizenship in 1964. Alexander Schweidler, right, said from his home in Inverness, Florida: "I told them I was a member of the SS. They had no objections and they didn't ask any more questions."

The Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations (OSI) said Mr Schweidler, 71, was responsible for killing two prisoners at the Nazi concentration camp at Mauthausen, Austria, io 1942.

Born in Bratislava, in former Czechoslovakia, Mr Schweidler moved to Austria before the war. In 1948 he settled in Britain and worked as a factory worker in northern England. He was granted citizenship in 1964, and emigrated to the United States a year later. The OSI said Mr Schweidler would be deported for concealing his wartime activities when he arrived.

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Japan confesses it forced women into wartime brothels

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

■ Japan's decision to confront its past is prompted less by remorse than a phlegmatic realisation that failure to do so will hinder efforts to enhance its political might

JAPAN officially admitted for the first time yesterday that the imperial army forced Korean and other Asian women to serve in "comfort stations" — military brothels — during the 1930s and 1940s.

A government report, published yesterday and compiled from interviews with Japanese war veterans and former Korean "comfort women", acknowledges that force was used to take women to the front lines but claims some joined the brothels voluntarily. "The government takes this opportunity to offer its heartfelt apologies and feelings of remorse to all the women for the many sufferings and injuries to the mind and body that cannot be healed," said Yohei Kono, the chief cabinet secretary who will tomorrow become leader of the Liberal Democratic Party, now in opposition.

"It is incumbent upon us to consider seriously how best we can express this sentiment," he went on. "We shall face squarely the historical facts instead of evading them and take them to heart as lessons of history."

The new admission represents significant progress from a report published a year ago which acknowledged for the first time the involvement of the imperial army in recruiting women, but contended there was no evidence that they were forced into prostitution. That admission came only after a professor found documents in Tokyo's defence academy library showing that the army and the government were involved in setting up brothels on the front line.

Historians estimate that Japan recruited between 100,000 and 200,000 women, mostly Koreans but also Chinese, Indonesians, Malaysians, Taiwanese and Filipinas, to serve in the brothels in the closing years of its wartime colonisation of the Asian continent.

Kabun Muto, the foreign minister, who will resign today with the rest of the cabinet to make way for the new coalition government led by Morihiro Hosokawa, said he hoped the report would "settle relations" with South Korea, but he side-stepped the issue of compensation for surviving "comfort women", their families or other victims of Japan's wartime aggression.

Senior members of the seven-party coalition have undertaken to seek a full reconciliation with their Asian neighbours by recognising Japan's war guilt and offering apologies to those who suffered Japanese brutality. The saga of the "comfort women" has highlighted the reluctance of the Japanese authorities to confront the nation's colonisation of Asia in the first half of the century and the darkest chapters of its wartime record there. This attitude has engendered a brooding resentment among Japan's neighbours.

In 1990 vigorous protests from the government of South Korea produced an apology from the newly enthroned Emperor Akihito, who referred to the "unfortunate past between our two countries and for which my country was responsible". His father, the Emperor Showa (Hirohito), for whom Japan's soldiers fought in Asia, had simply regretted the "unfortunate past".

A few years earlier a dispute erupted between China and Japan over Japanese history books, which either fail to mention or gloss over atrocities committed by Japanese soldiers. But Japan's near silence on its awkward past has begun to create problems with wider ramifications for the country's future. The new government is concerned that its past is hindering Tokyo's efforts to find an international political role to match its economic status.

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Bitter memories: "comfort women" announcing they are suing Japan for wartime abuses and Yohei Kono admitting Tokyo's responsibility

Samurai's task is to make reality of poll promises

BY JOANNA PITMAN

MORIHIRO Hosokawa, the scion of a long line of feudal lords, *samurai* warriors and, in latter generations, politicians, today will be named prime minister at the head of a coalition that has broken the Liberal Democratic Party's 38-year reign and domination of politics.

Humbled and uncomfortable beside the Communist Party on the opposition benches of the Diet will sit the LDP, led by its newly elected chairman, Yohei Kono, a suave populist figure whose biggest asset is his freedom from the scandal of corruption.

The LDP's venal gerontocracy, whose failure to introduce political reform precipitated last month's ruinous election, has been forced into hibernation and "Clean Kono" has been thrust up front to represent the party's conscience. Both men are progressive, articulate and, in their mid-50s, are the champions of a new generation of politicians fired by visions of a reformed, transparent and genuinely democratic form of political pluralism.

Hosokawa: breaking the political mould

Each will control roughly half the seats of the Diet (Mr Hosokawa with a precarious five-seat majority of 261, and Mr Kono with 228) and both would, two months ago, have dismissed talk of today's events as just a dream.

For the first time in four decades, the political stage looks set for a bout of gladiatorial party politics. Both leaders talk of reforming the corrupt habits of the past and evolving a political class answerable to the wishes of the public. Political and electoral reforms will be debated "earnestly", they say, addressing the issues of restricting political funding and reorganising the gerrymandered electoral system.

They claim that the Diet will become a forum for genuine policy debate, implying an end to the system in which policy decisions were often reached after the LDP funneled money to opposition parties which opposed for a while to keep up the impression of a fair contest and then conceded honourable defeat.

Both men clearly have one eye on the populist theme of the moment. But it is too early to judge either the sincerity of their claims or whether such change is possible.

The metamorphosis of Japanese politics may have begun at last, but in the short term drastic change looks to be improbable. This is no revolution.

Citizens balk at 'fine' lifestyle

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN SINGAPORE

In an Eastern tradition stretching back to Kipling's time, post-prandial port and cigars were de rigueur in the officers' mess of Singaporean military units until last year. Now, mint chocolates have replaced the cigars.

Whether an army can go to war on mint chocolates remains to be seen, but the gesture, at the behest of Singapore's overbearing "I'm telling you for your own good" government, has not enhanced the army's macho image. To add insult to injury, in an effort to make this well-managed nursery the world's first smoke-free state, servicemen have been told that anyone smoking in public, while in uniform, will be fined.

"Smoking is bad for your health, I admit," noted a Singaporean employee of a French firm. "It's this ramming of it down your throat that is hard to accept."

Police, park rangers and plainclothes officers have caught hundreds of teenagers in an anti-smoking sweep in just over two months, a health ministry official said yesterday. Singapore banned under-18s from lighting up in public on May 31. "We have given a three-month grace period and those caught were warned and their parents and teachers notified of their offences," the official said.

"It's not surprising," added a sceptical Singapore office worker. "That's just another example of why we call Singapore a 'fine' city — you get fined for this and fined for that."

Not just fined, but jailed too. A total of ten motorists have been imprisoned since April for driving their "weekend licence" cars on weekdays.

The People's Action Party (Pap) has ruled since independence in 1965 — the 28th anniversary is celebrated next Tuesday — and holds all but four of 81 seats in parliament. However, it harasses the small opposition as if it might somehow suddenly sneak into power in this tightly-ordered state.

Taxi drivers have also been told by the government not to talk politics with foreign fares. Despite this, a taxi driver told me: "The government has satisfied our material needs, but Singapore is no fun. Everything is programmed, planned, scheduled. We're just like robots."

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CERTAIN MERCHANDISE MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE AT ALL STORES

Ahoy, Captain Impossible

When a motley middle-class crew set sail with Vivien Cherry, they could not have known she shared many management skills with Captain Bligh. Alice Thomson went to interview her

There is no escape. No doors that can be slammed, no scope for silent contemplation, no comfort foods to stop you thinking and no warm bath to soothe your muscles. Fourteen people are thrown together by fate, they must live cheek by jowl on a boat little bigger than a Volvo estate. It sounds like one of those horror movies in which the lift gets stuck or a train gets jammed in a tunnel and, one by one, everyone either throws up, cracks up or finds that they are a born leader.

It was, in fact, the British Steel Challenge, a 28,000-mile global odyssey on which 130 crew paid £15,000 each to learn to reef, gybe and get nappy rash jostling around each other in wet, freezing pants and sweaty oilskins. According to Alan Beggs, a sports psychologist who specialises in the claustrophobia and compatibility problems associated with long-distance sailing: "It is inevitable that deeply-hidden things will come to the surface. They are stuck in a tin box, in a situation that generates anxiety and lack of confidence. They will have to be sufficiently trusting of the people around them to open up."

It was tough enough being part of the crew, but for the ten skippers who were paid £1,000 a month to cajole and coach the amateur helmsmen round the globe, the psychological tension was extraordinary. Their crews had spent three years training. Many had sold their houses and given away their Network Southeast cards and their dogs to be able to afford their dream on the southern seas. The sponsors had put in a further £2.5 million and, with their names splashed across the spinnakers, they did not want to come in last.

It was hardest for Vivien Cherry, 32, an environmental engineer and the only female skipper. Women may have reached the Cabinet, the boardroom and beaten the Australians at cricket, but put them anywhere near water and the problems start. When Helen of Troy launched a thousand ships she began a ten-year war. Queen Elizabeth I sensibly hired Sir Walter Ralegh and Clare Francis got ME.

So why on earth choose a woman skipper? Having seen Tracy Edwards skipper the yacht *Maiden* in the Whitbread round-the-world race and then go on *This is Your Life*, the organisers wanted a woman to generate more publicity.

According to Miss Cherry, the book publishers also wanted "a fairy tale princess". Although she was an experienced sailor who had completed the 1988 single-handed transatlantic race, Miss Cherry found the role of skipper/despotic nanny almost impossible. She was so determined to present a clear lead as a woman that she appeared hard and uncompromising.

Her articulate crew at times barely spoke to her and she only narrowly avoided a polite, middle-class mutiny. Then her mate resigned, leaving her to cope with 40ft waves, a broken forestay, a cracked mast, a malfunctioning weather report system, force ten gales and a damaged knee.

Woman Of Steel is her story, told far more bluntly than her publishers would have wished. Miss Cherry is so hard on herself that she comes across as an unyielding, pushy, and emotionally enfeebled perfectionist who wouldn't have commanded the respect of a group of Brownies, let alone 13 men and women with successful careers ranging from a financial consultant to a company director.

> 'I am blunt. I lack tact. I believe that the job is more important than the person'

"At the beginning, the crew were happy to have me as their skipper. After that things started going downhill fairly rapidly ... crew members would get offended if I shouted at them on the boat and take it very personally." In other words, she made a meal out of telling them they were rationed to one piece of loo roll.

She was scathing about their inability to work out who should do what in the Foulie Locker or the Doghouse area. "Some of the crews believed they were special and that the whole race was a bit of a breeze. If things got difficult they could go sick ... Not many of them were self-motivated enough to have completed a challenge like this on their own," she writes.

Her crew can be equally dismissive. "Initially, I thought she would be a good skipper. But she created a lot of problems by worrying about being a woman. She was not always aware of people's feelings. Communications were sometimes so non-existent that we were often unaware of tactics," says Ann de Boer.

I thought we would dislike each other on sight. But although I would have problems coping with both the waves and Miss Cherry aboard a boat, I could cope if we got stuck on a lift. In her blue cords and T-shirt, she reminded one of an eminently sensible left defence on a lacrosse pitch. The schoolgirl who would spend her evenings sewing gymnastics awards onto her games skirt and weekends with her father poring over DIY manuals.

MARK PEPPER

Mission impossible: Vivien Cherry was determined to present a clear lead as a woman

Did Miss Cherry feel that her sex made any difference? "Well, we finished fourth and no one got badly injured so it obviously wasn't a fundamental problem. But then I have never felt very girlie."

She puts everything down to temperament. By her own admission, she is a loner and found the constant scrutiny almost insufferable. "I was used to working on my own as an engineer and am on the fringes of the boating fraternity, so I find it very difficult to open up to people unless I have known them at least six months," she explains. She is also a great believer in not asking questions if you do not want to hear the answer — which may have been half the problem.

The rest could be put down to her sarcastic tongue. "I am blunt. I have a lack of tact. I believe that the job is more important than the person and I found the crew's constant need to be praised exhausting." At times her bluntness is engaging and one begins to wonder how she put up with all those whingeing adults.

Frang Paul Tichener, the mate who resigned, "She had a difficult, sometimes maddening and responsible job coping with an age span of between 25 and 65. With hindsight, I would say she made the best of it," he says. After a few hours Miss Cherry is quite forthcoming, explaining how she has found a new boy friend with whom she is ecstatic and is thinking of changing careers.

So the trip wasn't a fiasco? "The crew won't ever become bosom buddies, after all, they have seen me at my most vulnerable but I'd have a drink with them if I was in the area. I am a lot more tolerant and gentle and I have realised people don't like honesty — but I don't think I would repeat the experience."

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Looking for the judgment of Solomon

When a child is just another bit of property

LITTLE has changed since Solomon suggested halving a baby to winkle out its true mother, except that now the courts help with the ripping apart. Unlike the real mother in the Old Testament, who preferred to give away her son than have him hurt, the biological parents of Jessica DeBoer have no such qualms about damage.

Jessica DeBoer became Anna Schmidt on Tuesday as she was strapped crying into a stranger's car seat and the world watched her scream "Mommy" on its televisions.

This scene of pain was caused by the fact that American law puts the rights of biological parents above all else. Dan Schmidt, a man who had already abandoned two other natural children by two different mothers, still retained a set of legal rights that put him above what many see as justice. Although Cara Clausen (now Schmidt) signed away her rights to Jessica when she allowed the child to be adopted by the DeBoer family, her lie about the name of the real father left a legal loophole which Mr Schmidt has fully exploited.

KATE MUIR

Two-and-a-half-year-old Jessica was legally no more significant than some other piece of moveable property. There was no suggestion, as in Britain, that "the welfare of the child is paramount". The welfare of the child was crushed by the great adversarial legal machine.

Elsewhere in America, older children are battling for their rights. Gregory K, 13, "divorced" his natural mother who had dumped him on and off in foster care, and elected to remain with his most recent set of foster parents. This week, the case of Kimberly Mays, 14, continues against her natural parents, who want her to visit them at weekends. Because of a mistake in hospital, she and another baby with a heart defect were swapped, and when the other child died, Kimberly's real parents tracked her down and demanded her back. She considers her real parents (who have seven children) as "weird" and refuses to leave the Mays family which has brought her up as their only child.

Now, Kimberly is also on television daily, and the whole country is listening to the psychiatrist who claims she "is not mature enough to make this decision". The child's humiliation and embarrassment is clear for all to see.

There is much talk here about how the law should be changed, but little action. The litigious nature of America means that children's rights and adults' rights are destined to be in opposition, and any question of compromise — say allowing the DeBoer parents visiting rights to Jessica — is considered defeat.

A few years ago, Britain might have been in the same position but for the Children Act which came into force in 1991. That, according to Lord Justice Butler-Sloss, "recognised a child is a person, and not a package" and put the child's welfare first, making it possible to appoint a guardian *ad litem* to represent the child's point of view. Compromise, rather than winning or losing, was promoted. Custody decisions can also be made by agreement with a lawyer, keeping the child out of a frightening courtroom brawl. And detrimental court delays — such as the one which wasted two years of Jessica DeBoer's life — are kept to a minimum. No such delicacies trouble American law. In only two states are the interests of the child considered, and he or she has no strictly-defined rights. The young, innocent party in the case is left to take the punishment. According to Nerys Patterson of Harvard Law School, "This is partly a legacy of medieval law that gave voice only to the powerful and gave men the power to abandon their illegitimate offspring and their children's mothers. These ancient attitudes have not totally washed out of our society."

THOSE ATTITUDES are most helpful to Mr Schmidt, the man who has all the rights in the Jessica DeBoer battle. Had he not been so irresponsible, his child would never have been psychologically scarred by her sudden removal from the stable and loving home she has always known. Discussions on how to improve the law by putting children first are essential, but they should not let us move the spotlight away from the real villain of the piece, the errant father.

Mr Schmidt has four children now, two of whom he has abandoned to their separate mothers, and one of whom he has never bothered even to see. Throughout her pregnancy, he failed to ask Cara Clausen if the child was his, having broken up with her soon after the conception. From his past record, there is little indication that he will make a mature or responsible father, but in the eyes of the law, that matters not at all.

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The old campaigner's White House dream

At 68, Senator Bob Dole almost retired. Now, aged 70, he is gearing up to fight the 1996 presidential seat

A celebrated congressional wit once likened presidential ambition to a bug — "the only way to get it out of your system is with embalming fluid". That bug is evidently eating up Bob Dole. Just six months after America handed the proverbial torch to the baby-boom generation, the 70-year-old second world war veteran is already laying plans to seize it back again.

The Republicans' caustic, long-serving Senate leader scarcely bothers to conceal his yearning for the White House. Mr Dole has visited 27 states this year, including five trips to Iowa which holds the first caucus of 1996. During the August recess he is taking a week's "holiday" in New Hampshire, which holds the first primary. He will be 73 by that time, but points out that Ronald Reagan was just as old when he won his second term. "I'm obviously thinking about it," he says of 1996. "I hate to give up anything."

The Kansas senator has the energy of a man half his age, runs up to four miles on a treadmill, and appears on every other chat show. He has the advantage of being one of the few Republicans in office, and to overcome the age problem he is reportedly considering an announcement that he would seek one term only. His wife, Elizabeth, is head of the American Red Cross — the perfect counterpoint to Hillary.

It is 17 years since Mr Dole ran as Gerald Ford's running mate on the ticket that lost to Jimmy Carter. It was a mean-spirited campaign that established him as the Darth Vader of US politics. He ran dismally for president in 1980. He ran again in 1988, winning in Iowa only to be beaten by Vice-President George Bush in icy New Hampshire. "Senator Straddle", Mr Bush labelled him after he refused to promise no new taxes. "Stop lying about my record," Mr Dole retorted bitterly on the night of Mr Bush's victory.

Just two years ago, recovering from prostate cancer and sick of being the Bush administration's "water carrier", Mr Dole was dispirited enough to contemplate retirement, but his mood was transformed by Mr Bush's defeat last November. Overnight he became his party's de facto leader. "Fifty seven per cent of Americans who voted in the presidential election voted against Bill Clinton," Mr Dole declared defiantly the morning after the election. "I intend to represent that majority on the floor of the US Senate. If Bill Clinton has a mandate, then so do I."

Even Mr Dole's critics concede that he has since done a remarkable job reviving his devastated party, albeit with copious assistance from an initially inept White House.

He led the Republican filibuster that derailed Mr Clinton's $16 billion economic stimulus package. He successfully painted the president's deficit-reduction plan as yet more "tax-and-spend". United once more behind their traditional anti-tax message, the Republicans have won 24 of 38 state by-elections during Mr Clinton's presidency including, last week, the Lieutenant Governorship of Arkansas. The Republicans' unity has made the Democrats appear divided even though 90 per cent of them have held the line on the crucial votes.

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Presidential challenger? Veteran politician Senator Bob Dole and his wife Elizabeth

Mr Clinton, who initially ignored Mr Dole, recently arranged a dinner at a Washington restaurant to try and make amends. Vice-President Al Gore even dropped by his Capitol Hill birthday party two weeks ago and gave him a "Dole in '96" badge.

Mr Dole is hardly the only Republican who has spotted Mr Clinton's electoral vulnerability. Thirty months before the primary season starts, potential candidates are already flocking to New Hampshire for some of the earliest spadework ever. But there is no single commanding figure as there was when the party rebuilt itself around Ronald Reagan in 1976.

Dan Quayle is nowhere to be seen. Bill Bennett and Jack Kemp, the former education and housing secretaries, set up a think-tank to give the party a new direction, but cannot agree what it should be. They are said to be "stumbling over each other in a clash of monumental egos".

Lamar Alexander, another former education secretary, Lynn Martin, former Labour secretary, and Senator Phil Gramm of Texas are hardly names to quicken the blood, while Pat Buchanan and his "cultural wars" have almost certainly had their day.

Richard Cheney, the former defence secretary, says he will consider his future while fly-fishing in Wyoming this summer. He lacks both a power base and fire in the belly, but has national stature, inspires trust, and is associated only with the successes of the Bush administration.

Governors William Weld of Massachusetts and Carroll Campbell of South Carolina are likely candidates, but right now, says Ed Rollins, a leading Republican consultant, Mr Dole is the "closest thing" there is to a frontrunner.

But for all that he must remain a longshot. Mr Dole's real weakness is that he has no big ideas or compelling agenda of his own. His present success is built entirely on opposing Mr Clinton, and he is already earning the nickname Dr Gridlock. "Senator Dole alternates between trips to New Hampshire to run for the Republican nomination and quick visits back to the Senate to throw more monkey wrenches into the works," Vice-President Gore complained last week.

He has no recipe for resolving the deep Republican divisions on issues ranging from abortion to deficit-financing that have been obscured, but certainly not eliminated, by Mr Clinton's amazing roller-coaster ride. William Brock, a former Republican chairman, says the party remains a political Tower of Babel - "a great many voices speaking in different tongues". At present, says Kevin Phillips, a conservative columnist, Mr Dole is a "safe rallying point for all the other people who would rather not have secondary-level presidentitis break out too quickly. Dole is an interim big cheese."

History also militates against Mr Dole. Just two US senators — Warren Harding and John Kennedy — have ever moved directly into the Oval Office from the other end of Pennsylvania Avenue. But try telling that to a man with the bug.

MARTIN FLETCHER

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A literary link with tuberculosis, the odds on a successful treatment and simple steps to a longer life

From Haworth to the East End

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

IN the diary of the Reverend Patrick Brontë, the father of the literary family, one of the *recurrent* themes was his battle against a chronic cough. The cough disturbed his sleep, but did not seem to shorten his life or produce disabling symptoms. It is likely that the cough was the result of tuberculosis, and Mr Brontë may well have been the source of the infection which destroyed his family. His case demonstrates that TB can be a lifelong battle between the organism, *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* and the resistance of the patient.

The Brontës illustrate many of the risk factors which still apply to TB. Mr Brontë was an immigrant from an area with a high incidence of TB and the family lived in cramped surroundings at Haworth. Bramwell, the brother, was an alcoholic and, then as now, alcoholism lowers the patient's resistance to tuberculosis.

The number of cases of tuberculosis in Britain fell from 50,000 in 1950 to 5,000 in 1987, but the figures are rising again. The reduction was a result of better living conditions, a vaccination programme with BCG, mass X-rays and treatment by a combination of antibiotics. Although still relatively uncommon, there has been a particular increase in the inner cities. In the East End of London, Tower Hamlets reports a 43 per cent increase in the past five years, and Hackney one of 67 per cent. As a result, the London Chest Hospital has restarted its TB clinic, which now sees 100 new cases a year, and 500 contacts of these cases.

Sickly sisters from the moors: Anne, Emily and Charlotte Brontë

Just as the Brontës were immigrants, so are many of the present-day East Enders. However, they have often not come into the country with the disease but have developed it after their arrival. Overcrowding, as at Haworth, and the mixing of the generations, may contribute to its spread.

The situation in New York, where there are many patients with HIV as well as TB, is very different. There, 30 to 40 per cent of patients have become resistant to three or four of the anti-tubercular drugs, and in consequence there is a 45 per cent death rate. As Dr Duncan Empey, of the London Chest Hospital, says: "It has become a complete nightmare."

Confronted with the example of New York, it might be supposed that British health authorities would encourage BCG vaccination. But, as an economy, 16 district health authorities, mostly rural ones, have recently abolished routine BCG vaccinations in schools. Dr Empey says: "Chest physicians cannot be happy about this. Even if somebody has been born in a quiet rural village, by the time they are of student age they are very likely to have moved to a city, and will very often have travelled in a developing country."

Horse sense

WHEN watching Dr David Silk, a well-known London consultant gastroenterologist, buying his newspapers, it was interesting to see that rather than immediately turning to the medical pages of *The Times* he first opened his copy of the *Sporting Life* to check that the form of his horse, Strong Medicine, had been correctly entered.

There could be no better name for a gastroenterologist's horse — the recent introduction of strong medicines in the treatment of peptic ulcers is set to revolutionise medical practice. Research has shown that a regime of three drugs, so-called triple therapy, composed of a bismuth salt, metronidazole (Flagyl) and an antibiotic, or dual therapy, omeprazole (Losec) and amoxycillin, eradicates the organism *Helicobacter pylori* from the upper gastrointestinal tract.

Once the organism has been eradicated, not only is an early cure usually achieved, but recurrence within the first 12 months is reduced from 80 per cent, as happens after other forms of treatment, to as little as 1 per cent. It is hoped that eradicating the organism will also save many of the 8,000 people who die in England and Wales each year of cancer of the stomach.

Mims magazine, a journal for GPs, reports that a saliva screening test for *Helicobacter pylori* will soon be available in general practice. This will enable family doctors to determine which of their patients with indigestion or gut problems needs the appropriate treatment. Both dual and triple therapy, like any other strong medicine, can cause side effects — in this case, diarrhoea and nausea. Even so, Dr Silk tips the treatment regime to run and run.

Easy strider

HOWEVER much the rest of the population secretly admires the enthusiasm of those who dress in tracksuits and trainers to take their daily exercise, many people are far too inhibited to emulate them, even if they all accepted that such activity marginally improves life expectancy.

It is, therefore, a great relief to learn from the British Heart Foundation that Dr Adrianne Hardman and her colleagues at Loughborough University have shown that the benefits of nothing more showy than a good brisk walk in the afternoon — a mile every 15 minutes for two hours — persist into the following day.

Walkers were able to deal more efficiently, and safely, with the traditional British breakfast the morning after their walk than were those who had spent the afternoon lounging in front of their television sets. Six hours after breakfast, blood fat levels were 31 per cent lower in those who had exercised the previous day than in the laggards who had stayed indoors.

Regular steady exercise, whether walking the dogs or striding around the golf course, reduces blood pressure and decreases total blood fat levels. At the same time, it increases the proportion of high-density lipoproteins, which may well be beneficial.

Equipped with nothing more than stout walking shoes, corduroy trousers and a jacket, or the equivalent dress in women, Dr Hardman, supported by grants from the British Heart Foundation, has shown that it is comparatively simple to reduce the chance of having a coronary thrombosis.

Why patients lose in a move

Are specialist skills being lost, **Annabel Ferriman** asks

Last Saturday brought back painful memories to Anita and James Convey; it was the first anniversary of their son's accident. Until last summer, Mark, their 14-year-old son, had lived an uneventful life, attending school and enjoying sport, particularly cricket and basketball.

But on July 31, 1992, all that changed. Mark was on holiday with relatives in the west of Ireland and playing with friends in a garage when a child spilt some petrol. Two minutes later a spark from the cap guns with which they were playing sent the whole garage up in flames.

Mark's friends were near the front of the garage and escaped unharmed but he was at the back. Although he instinctively put his hands up to shield his face, he suffered severe burns to his face, hands and limbs. He then climbed out through a tiny window high up at the back of the building.

"To this day we do not know how he got out," says his mother. "He has no recollection of it. It was as though someone lifted him out," she says. Black from head to toe, Mark was hosed down in the garden and taken to hospital.

It was touch and go whether he would survive. "We were told that he only had a five per cent chance of living," Mrs Convey says. He was transferred from the local hospital to the burns unit at St James's Hospital, Dublin, where he spent the next eight weeks.

By the time he left Dublin, his family knew he was safe and thought the worst was over. What they did not appreciate, and what few people realise, is how long it takes for a serious burns patient to achieve a full recovery. For two years after such an accident, a patient has to undergo a seemingly endless series of dressings, operations and procedures, including skin grafts, reconstructive surgery and the fitting of pressure garments, to keep the skin supple and moist and prevent it "over-healing" and becoming lumpy.

The Conveys, who live in Croydon, south London, were lucky. Mark was transferred to Queen Mary's University Hospital, Roehampton, south-west London, which has one of the leading burns units in Britain. The hospital has 22 beds, a dedicated staff and a distinguished burns specialist, John Clarke.

Mrs Convey says: "From the moment we entered the unit, the staff stepped in to look after us, not just Mark but the whole family. The sister in charge of the unit gave us her home telephone number and said we could contact her at any time. They were constantly there for us.

"Mr Clarke would sometimes visit Mark at 8.30 at night to explain things to him. The teacher at the hospital invited staff and pupils from his school to visit him, so that they would understand what had happened and get over the shock and the 'outreach' nurse later took me to the school to discuss his future.

"Even the physiotherapist has taken her holidays to coincide with Mark's operations, because immediately following an operation he does not require physiotherapy. The whole unit is exceptional."

Unfortunately, this remarkable unit is now threatened with closure. An independent review team set up by the government recommended in June that the unit, opened only seven years ago, should be closed, and that its work should be transferred to St George's Hospital, south London, and another site outside the M25 boundary, possibly the Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, to serve patients in the outer area of the South West Thames Regional Health Authority.

Philip Sykes, the chairman of the review group and a plastic surgeon at St Lawrence Hospital, Chepstow, Gwent, says that St George's would provide a better "clinical infrastructure" because it was a teaching hospital. Doctors and healthcare specialists at the conference said, however, that whenever hospital departments were relocated, specialist teams were broken up and experienced staff were lost.

Evidence shows that surgeons, who are predominantly male, will move with their department, because it is essential for their careers, but nurses, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, dieticians and other support staff, who are mostly women, will not. These staff are often tied to the locality because of their husbands' jobs or their children's schools.

This is particularly serious for burns units, because the care of burns patients is "a nursing speciality *par excellence*", according to Mr Clarke. He says: "Nurses make a tremendous difference. It is the nurses who talk to the patients daily; who do the painful dressings, and who, if skilful and experienced, make those dressings less painful. It is they who cajole the patients to eat their meals and get out of bed."

Mr Clarke says he will soldier on and adds: "I think we should say: 'Get lost, the lot of you'. If the region wants to build a brand new unit elsewhere, let it go ahead. Meanwhile we will compete on market terms and we think we will win."

Meanwhile, Mark continues to improve. "Every day sees changes," Mrs Convey says. "He has learnt to write fluently with his left hand, because it was not so badly burnt as his right. He is back at school, playing football and has learnt to play darts and snooker with his left hand. But I worry about future 'Marks' who will not get the care that he has received."

ADRIAN BROOKS

Nursing skills: the experience of staff such as Sister Debbie Steer, of Queen Mary's hospital, may be lost if the specialist unit is relocated

Medicine's North-South divide

Do radiotherapy patients get better treatment in London?

Alison and Diana were due to have radiotherapy for breast cancer. Alison was told she would be treated daily for three weeks, Diana that her daily treatment would last *six* weeks. There was no difference in their condition, only in their addresses. Alison lives in Humberside, Diana in London.

When Alison, who knew Diana, questioned her consultant, he said: "In London and the South, they use six weeks. Here in Humberside we use three. We could not possibly cope with six weeks. We have far too many patients."

That rang alarm bells for Alison: was she getting second-class treatment? "Are you saying", she said, "that if you had more staff and resources you would do six weeks?"

The consultant replied: "The dose is the same; the dose is what matters," adding that the same dose of radiation was "fractionated" over three weeks instead of six, about double the radiation dose per daily session. Later, however, he said: "In America they do six weeks because of litigation. There are fewer side-effects."

Alison discussed her worries with friends and other doctors. They advised her that receiving a smaller daily dose of radiation would cause less damage to the normal tissues of the body. But her health authority said it could not arrange referral to a London hospital for treatment.

She decided to start radiotherapy in Humberside, but abandoned it after the second day. She was given a printed leaflet at her first session which spelt out possible side-effects: nausea, burning of the skin and fatigue that could last up to a year. "It was all going to be more severe and protracted than I had been led to believe," she said.

Like many other discrepancies in medical practice, consultants' differing views about radiotherapy treatment are rooted in tradition and shaped by the availability of resources. In the 1950s, Britain's two main cancer hospitals, the Royal Marsden in London and the Christie in Manchester, followed different paths. The Marsden adopted the American six-week practice but the Christie, with less money and equipment, tried shorter periods.

Consultants trained in the two hospitals have followed their respective practice ever since, hence the North-South divide. A 1989 Royal College of Radiologists survey found that hospitals in England south of a line from the Severn to Watford gave radiotherapy for all cancers over a period 50 per cent longer on average than in the North, Wales and Northern Ireland. (In Scotland, consultants follow the southern practice.)

Professor Bob Rubens, director of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund's clinical oncology unit at Guy's, said that reducing the long-term harmful effects of radiotherapy was important for patients expected to live for many years. "Smaller doses over a longer period probably have less adverse effects on normal tissue in the long run. But there are no clinical trials to prove it." Professor Rubens said that giving bigger doses over a shorter period could save resources, and some patients might prefer it — "five or six weeks is exhausting".

Terry Priestman, consultant *radiotherapist at* Wolverhampton's Royal Hospital, who conducted the Royal College survey, said that although different practices had been followed in radiotherapy for at least 40 years, few comparative studies had been done. "Many consultants believe they see fewer side-effects with the longer treatment," he said.

Alison, who has had three operations and chemotherapy, said the knowledge that patients elsewhere were getting different, and possibly better, treatment to which she had no access, made her feel trapped. She added: "Why should we tolerate North-South differences within the NHS?"

JEREMY LAURANCE

● *Alison and Diana are pseudonyms.*

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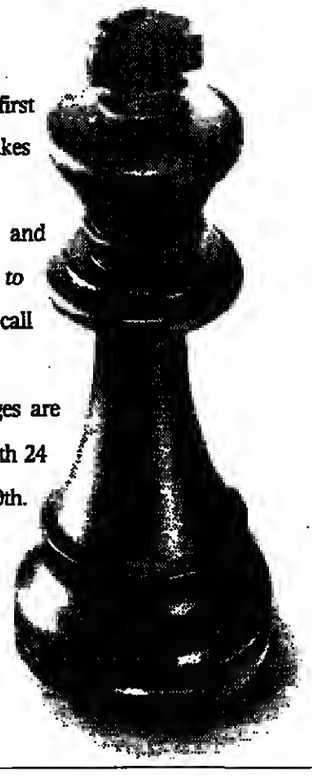

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■ Until we agree what the welfare state aims to achieve, we will go on fudging its provisions

Is poverty a sin? This question is not so remote from our present political dilemma as you might think. Our modern view of the poor as a social problem makes us forget that there have been other ways of regarding them: as a sacred caste who are there to remind us of our own mortality, or as a symbol of the sufferings of Christ to whom we owe a duty of care. The idea of the poor as failures, or at least as a burden on society, comes largely from the northern European Protestant tradition.

Calvinism is widely (if wrongly) thought to preach that those who are materially unsuccessful in this life are not among God's elect. And both Luther and Calvin stressed the importance of the individual and his internal resources, so making way for modern democratic capitalism which favours personal enterprise. But the break with the old Catholic views of community and authority has never been total: we are still pulled between the two contradictory attractions.

Please don't write in to tell me that it is not as clear-cut as this. Generalisations are the price of journalistic brevity. Can we just accept for the moment that our present difficulties with the welfare state are tied up with this tension between the idea that personal liberty is sacred, but that we also have a duty to look after one another? Which brings me to the latest proposals by the No Turning Back group, who are certainly on the Protestant side of this divide.

They accept without question that poverty is a social problem to be alleviated by measures which will give extra help to those who need it most (those who are poorest relative to the rest of society). But they have also accepted the more communal view that the poor should not be punished for their condition. So they advise replacing the rigours of means-tested applications and confusing bureaucracy with a unified tax and benefits system that would enable all welfare payments to be made automatically, rather like a negative income tax. If you are wealthy, the state will take away; if you are poor, it will give — all with the same coding apparatus.

This is an unexceptionable solution which all political parties, when the day of reason finally arrives, will adopt. What is more controversial in the group's report, is the suggested abolition of universal social security benefits. It is here that the individualist and communal attitudes really collide, or at least become confounded. The notion of universal benefits paid to every citizen who has a child, or is a pensioner, or is without a job, whether he or she needs them or not, is a curious mix of the Protestant and Catholic traditions (again, forgive the historical shorthand).

One the one hand, it is egalitarian, the idea being that we should all partake of the nation's wealth in equal measure so that no one is seen as a second-class charity case. This rather puritanical view of equality seems to have much to do with a roundhead resistance to the paternalism and private charity of the old Catholic aristocracies. But on the other hand, it has a communal dimension. Many of the most ardent defenders of universal benefits argue that this backbone of basic provision ties us together as a nation, prevents us from breaking down completely into self-interested class and sectarian divisions.

There is undoubtedly a grain of truth in this. If the middle class did not receive state pensions or child benefit, there would be a greater sense of difference between the classes and less incentive for the more articulate and educated to use their political clout to protect miminimal social security standards. Which brings us back to the essential philosophical question: does the welfare state exist to relieve poverty, which must be seen as an aberration, or should it serve to weld the population together in a spirit of mutual support?

> Universal benefits strike Americans as absurd

The United States — which is avowedly, indeed fanatically, Protestant in its attitudes to poverty — has no doubt about this. It has always seen welfare as a way of curing the poverty problem: the notion that social benefits should be offered to the rich would strike Americans, even most of those on the political left, as absurd.

But Britain has never resolved this dilemma. While the Beveridge report of 1942 envisaged the welfare state as a way to rescue the poor (and saw its help as a temporary stage on the road to self-help), the post-war Labour government transformed it into genuine collectivism, making it part of a wider plan for wealth redistribution and social levelling.

Where Beveridge had talked of aiding individuals in difficulty, Labour wanted the state to become a force for communal values. Labour politicians have often talked as if it would be better for everyone to be equally poor rather than to have visible inequalities of wealth. Which is a modern rendition of poverty as a sacred state. None of the questions which bedevil us — how do you help the poor without trapping them in poverty? or reward diligence without punishing the poor? — can be answered until we decide whether poverty is financial hardship or a shared spiritual condition.

Lawrence Freedman says Nato's plan involves a long commitment as well as political expediency

Strike, for Sarajevo and settlement

Nato now has no choice but to press ahead with air strikes against the Serbian positions around Sarajevo. If it fails to do so in the face of continuing Serbian defiance, it will have no credibility in the future should it wish to issue comparable threats in comparable situations. The allies are in closer agreement than they have been before, and Nato/UN demarcations of control are becoming more sharply defined.

Though the threat is now serious, the Serbs may not realise this. In the past they have moderated their actions and appeared more conciliatory when Western states appeared to be on the point of intervention; but a series of dire warnings followed by absolutely nothing means they are now less inclined to take much notice of stern statements from Brussels or New York. The stakes are also much higher now, and the Bosnian Serbs, as the evident victors, are in a defiant mood.

So Nato may at last have to see through its threat. But to what purpose? Air strikes which appear to proceed as a point of honour, and yet fail to achieve any serious strategic purpose, will also discredit similar exercises in the future, especially if stray bombs kill civilians or even friendly UN forces. They must be justified as a serious contribution to the resolution of the conflict. But if this is the purpose, why now — long after the point when they would have been most useful?

The protection of UN forces engaged on humanitarian missions can only be a secondary objective, for there are limits to what air power can do when these forces are under attack. Their assailants may be difficult to identify and may have moved by the time strikes are called in, while those civilian and military personnel on the ground may be left vulnerable to retaliation. Air strikes can serve a punitive purpose, to deter further attacks, but they make little difference to the balance of power on the ground.

The parlous situation of the people of Sarajevo provides the main focus for Nato's concern. Even here air strikes can do little more than ease the pain. The Serbian artillery positions are certainly vulnerable, but the Serbs will not be obliged to relinquish them unless ground action follows, and this is not being planned.

Nonetheless, a political logic can be discerned in the Nato plan, and it is one the Serbs may accept. It is the change in direction that the Geneva negotiations represent which creates this logic. Former discussions of military intervention were in the context of the development and then promotion of the now defunct Vance-Owen plan. They had to offer some means by which territory could be regained from the Serbs. To do this, ground troops would have had to be used in great numbers: Western diplomacy was impoverished from the start by the refusal of the relevant governments even to contemplate this as a serious option. Ground troops would also have been needed to monitor the implementation of the Vance-Owen plan. Then the allies would have been obliged to find the troops. The lack of enthusiasm was palpable, especially as inter-communal hostility would have remained at a high level and so the "peace-keeping" commitment would have been both difficult and long-term.

Partition, as discussed at Geneva, is more straightforward. Such an outcome may violate the basic principles which the international community claimed to hold dear when this tragedy began, but it appears much simpler to enforce — once the boundaries have been agreed. But that is the first problem for in such negotiation territorial possession makes all the difference.

This explains the Bosnian Muslim push against Croatian positions, which has recently shown some success. It does not wholly explain the Serbian push against Sarajevo. The Serbs may not want to take over the city and they have never shown any inclination to accept the casualties of the urban warfare which would be unavoidable in any attempt to seize it.

The siege of Sarajevo has two advantages for Serbia. First, the city can be held hostage to encourage compliant behaviour elsewhere. Second, its vulnerable status can influence the type of Bosnian state which is created through partition. The Serbs can spare Sarajevo in return for the UN guaranteeing that it will be demilitarised and not used as a base against them in the future.

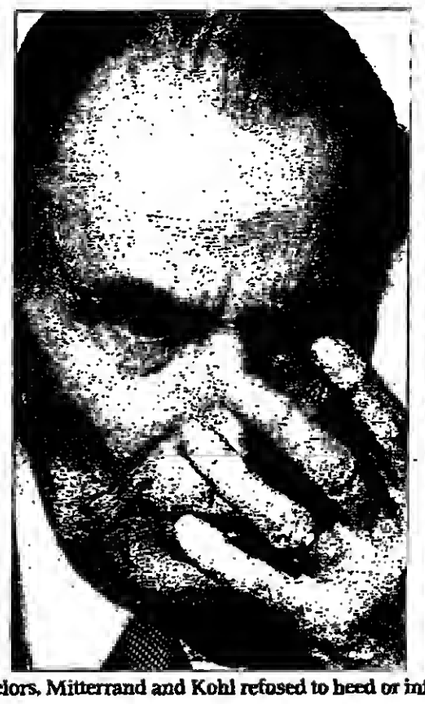
For this reason there is no need for the Serbs to continue to act provocatively while Nato goes through the time-consuming processes of preparing to strike. Now that the high ground has been seized around the Bosnian capital they can be on their best behaviour for the next few days. The city is self-evidently at the mercy of Serbian artillery and roadblocks.

The Serbs, and their Croatian allies of convenience, have every incentive to appear moderate and conciliatory. The Geneva negotiations are based on their agenda and they want to get round to talking about maps. The promise of air strikes may encourage the Bosnian government to prevaricate in the talks, but past disappointments should warn it against any hope that the Serbian offensive is to be rolled back through Western intervention.

By preparing to act to protect Sarajevo, the UN and Nato accept responsibility for the fate of the city and, by extension, for the integrity of the rump Bosnian state left after partition (although not for the Bosnian state which they recognised 18 months ago). To be taken seriously in shaping the new Bosnia, the West has to demonstrate that it can act decisively. But this must be based on an understanding of the liabilities, which in the past the allies have always sought to limit. If there is to be a settlement of some kind, they must recognise that air strikes now will mean a long-term commitment.

Arrogance, irrelevance, folly

The men of Maastricht should make way for a new generation



Hear no evil, see no evil, speak no evil: Delors, Mitterrand and Kohl refused to heed or inform the public while pursuing their goal

William Rees-Mogg

Maastricht has been a dragon of failure; it has destroyed or is in the process of destroying almost everything and everyone it has touched. The exchange-rate mechanism lies moribund at its feet; the British, French and German governments are tottering; even in the House of Lords we can smell the fatality on its tainted breath. It has reduced the once powerful Tory party to a minority group, divided and demoralised. It has strained to breaking point the Franco-German alliance which has dominated European policy for 40 years. The French do not know whether to blame the Germans or the Anglo-Saxons for what has happened to the franc; they should blame Maastricht.

Why has Maastricht been such a disaster? It is, of course, a city of ill omen, hitherto known in history mainly for one of the most savage massacres of the 16th century. We do not need, however, to look to occult forces to explain the disaster. We should blame the old human failing of pride, aided by quite exceptional resources of stupidity.

The Treaty of European Union was intended to be what its name implies: a treaty to create a single European state, with power over finance, trade, foreign affairs and defence. The motive force behind this project was an alliance between the Eurocrats in Brussels, led by Jacques Delors, and the German and French governments under Helmut Kohl and François Mitterrand. The British government appeased what they thought they could not prevent.

Delors, Kohl and Mitterrand were three old men in a hurry who went to sea in a sieve. They did not ask either of two essential questions: did the people want what they had decided to do, and would the markets accept the economic implications? Because they suffered from the arrogance of power, they thought they could both manipulate the people and override the markets. In economics, the markets eventually prevail because they represent the real forces. In politics the people are the real force.

There never was a general public desire in Europe to transfer power over finance, foreign affairs and defence from the national parliaments to a non-elected quasi-government in Brussels. This was true not only in Britain; it was equally true in Germany, and is certainly now true in France. John Major's fear of a referendum gave the game away; he did not refuse a referendum for any of the constitutional reasons which were offered. He did not want a referendum because he thought — even with the authority of respectable opinion behind him — that he would lose. Indeed he could only have won a referendum by misleading the people about the nature of the Maastricht enterprise.

The markets knew that the rules for the convergence of the European economies could not be met. During the ratification process, the different countries were actually moving further apart. Those divergences destroyed any prospect of a single European currency, and in a long-drawn-out process they have destroyed the exchange-rate mechanism. There is now talk of reviving it, unchanged, but that would merely condemn France to a deeper depression.

These were the fundamental weaknesses of the treaty; it was and is anti-market and anti-democratic, and the markets and the people are stronger than the bureaucrats and the politicians. Yet Maastricht also failed because it did not address any of the real problems of Europe.

The treaty did nothing to forestall the war in Bosnia. It did nothing to help the development, political or economic, of Russia and Eastern Europe. It did nothing to make Europe more competitive, either against the United States and Japan, or against the developing countries of Asia. It did nothing to prevent the world recession spreading in the European Community. It did nothing to prevent European unemployment rising. It did nothing to reduce European costs or the burden of European regulation. It did nothing to make Europe less bureaucratic; on the contrary it greatly increased the scope of bureaucratic interference. It did nothing to make the European systems more responsive to public opinion.

Maastricht was a monstrous folly because it turned its back on great and urgent issues to try to force the European nations to do something politically unacceptable and economically impossible. What is so breathtaking is the combination of arrogance, irrelevance and folly of the men of Maastricht.

After so spectacular a failure, it always takes a long time for people to realise what has happened and start to plan carefully for the future. Nobody should be surprised that Valéry Giscard d'Estaing speaks as though the collapse of the ERM had never occurred, or that some of the Eurocrats argue that the lesson of Maastricht is that we were too half-hearted and need to proceed even more rapidly to a final stage of monetary union. Fortunately, unlike an air crash, the crash of a treaty leaves its passengers alive, though they walk about the smoking wreckage in an understandable state of shock, and some of them talk gibberish.

What Europe needs is a new analysis, a new cast of characters and a new policy. The analysis must go back to a basic acceptance of democracy. The sovereignty of Europe does not lie in Brussels, but in the people of Europe; the sovereignty of Germany lies in the German people, of France in the French, of Britain in the British. For some purposes, these people wish to co-operate; for other purposes they wish to remain independent. Perhaps their children will want a single state; at present they do not. It is for the people to decide, and they are unlikely ever to want to build a Europe that is a non-elective bureaucratic empire on the failed Maastricht model.

This new analysis must also deal with Europe's comparative economic decline. Germany is probably still the most efficient of the larger European economies, but is not competitive with Japan in export trade, in technology or in prices. Germany is overloaded with taxation and welfare costs, and has an ageing population. The problem of competitiveness is central to Europe's future.

We also have to replace the men of Maastricht. Within a couple of years, it is certain that President Mitterrand and President Delors will be gone. John Major and Chancellor Kohl are among the walking wounded, but they have both inhaled the dragon's lethal breath. Europe needs a new generation of statesmen who understand the need for a mixture of independence and cooperation, who accept the authority of democracy. They will be people who have not been contaminated by Maastricht or the present Brussels regime. They exist in Britain, as they do in France and Germany. Maastricht is a wicked blunder we should not have ratified, and cannot afford to repeat.

DIARY

College capers

THE MASSED ranks of Oxford and Cambridge colleges are gathering to take on the chauvinist old guard of London's clubland. At stake is the future of the Oxford & Cambridge University Club, which is balloting members on whether women should be allowed full membership.

As ballot papers drop this week on the doormats of almost 4,000 members, so too are letters putting the case for women's membership, from distinguished heads of colleges. But the pro-women lobby faces a formidable task: to persuade more than half of all paid up members to vote for female membership.

"The real anxiety is that it's probably going to be impossible to get enough people to vote," says Sir Patrick Nairne, a former master of St Catherine's College, Oxford, who has asked all college heads for help in the matter. "And if you don't vote, it counts for the other side."

Vice-chancellors of both universities have thrown their weight behind Nairne's campaign. "I speak both personally and reflecting the views of central bodies of the university, such as the Senate," says Sir David Williams, vice-chancellor of Cambridge. Lord Renfrew, master of Jesus College, Cambridge, who has written to all club members from his college, agrees: "If it's not mixed membership in the future, t could not advise any future graduate to join, nor would I be willing to nominate anyone."

Untimely death

SIR ANTHONY HOPKINS, the actor who put the cannibal in Hannibal, has been considering the subject of death and, by way of a change, his own.

Sir Anthony tells readers of the latest issue of *The Oldie* that he hopes to make his final exit wide-awake on a sunny day at the age of 94. The ever-modest Welsh thespian suggests that his ashes should then be put to work in an egg-timer, because "I haven't done a stroke of work since I've been on the mortal coil."

Some egg-timer, say experts, who estimate that the average body is reduced to 2½-3½ lbs of ash by the cremation process. "I don't know about an egg; you could probably boil an elephant waiting for that much ash," says one. But a quietly-spoken colleague had a better idea for the oversized timer: "Sounds perfect — for liver. With fava beans."

Art of the name

HIS ELDER brother James, a government education minister, would surely approve of Lord Hugh Douglas-Hamilton's latest endeavour, putting on an art exhibition by painters from Ireland. For Lord Hugh has culled his select band of artists from a bleak outpost in the Atlantic nine miles north west of Donnegal — Tory Island.

The island has acquired a certain repute for fostering a growing band of painters who specialise in naive art. The exhibition, at the Poldrake Gallery in the noble lord's home town of Haddington in East Lothian, is to raise money for the homeless of Edinburgh. But would brother James approve of Lord Hugh's explanatioo of the island's name? "Tory means thief, or robber," he says. "It's the Irish word for dispossessed aristocrats who turned to crime."

● *The slow passage of parliamentary business delayed more than the Maastricht treaty. Hugh Dykes, Conservative MP for Harrow East, requested a Commons pass on May 10 for a parliamentary researcher due to start work for him a fortnight later. Arrive she duly did, but of the pass there was no sign. Until, that is, a few days ago when the Serjeant at Arms' office produced one — just in time for the recess.*

Problem solved

THE diary's heart goes out to a new graduate who pleads eloquently for *The Times* to do him just the teeny-weeniest of favours. His problem, he writes, is simple.

Unlike many of his peers, he has secured himself "a decent position at a reputable establishment in the City". But only after a certain economy with the truth. "Unfortunately, during my interview I took it upon myself to spin a small tarradiddle by insinuating that I obtained a 2:2 in classics," he writes. But "like all true classicists, I only managed to obtain a third," he confesses.

His concern was that his employers might discover the said tarraddidle when *The Times* published its annual lists of university degrees. Is there, he politely enquires, "any chance of my name being omitted from the list?"

If only he had read our leading articles a little more assiduously, he would have seen last Friday that our university results service is to come to an end because of the increase in institutions now awarding university degrees. So relax, Mr X. As you rightly conclude sir, you remain our humble and obedient servant.

Frankly, non

FOR 24 hours they were the face of the French currency crisis, snapped up by grateful picture editors hoping to bring a certain *je ne sais quoi* to the collapsing ERM. As a result, Tuesday morning saw Beatrice Markham and her colleague Celine, gracing the front page of every British broadsheet, apart from the *Financial Times*, which relegated them to page three.

Acceptable faces of capital: Beatrice (*left*) and Celine

All well and dandy, but for the fact that the women are not currency dealers. In fact they're not dealers at all. What they do is provide a crucial link, shouting information from the outside world to dealers working on the Paris futures exchange. Nevertheless, they are enjoying their moment of fame.

"We got quite a shock when we came in for work — our workmates had already stuck various copies of the photo on the walls of the office!" says Markham, who works for Oddo Futures and is married to an Irishman. "We had a good laugh though, and it does give you pleasure to see yourself as others do," she adds. "Now it's back to work — things are a bit calmer now, thankfully!"

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THE NAME OF COMFORT

Japan should compensate the women victimised in war

Yesterday Japan made its long-delayed apology for forcing around 200,000 women into sexual slavery in Imperial Army battlefield brothels in the 1930s and 1940s. Today Japan's mighty Liberal Democratic Party joins the communists on the opposition benches, ending 38 years of uninterrupted power. The first marks the end of an era as surely as the second.

The tragedy of the "comfort women" — mostly Korean and Chinese but including other Asians and Dutch women — is only part of the story of Japanese wartime atrocities. These stretch from the Rape of Nanking in which around 300,000 were shot, bayoneted, decapitated or buried alive, to the terrible medical experiments including vivisection inflicted on prisoners in northern China and the horrors of the concentration camps. The war ended 48 years ago this month, but although Emperor Akihito last year acknowledged that "my country inflicted great sufferings on the people of China", Japan's leaders have yet to offer unambiguous apologies on almost all these counts, relying on expressions of "sadness" about the "unfortunate period".

Two years ago, LDP hardliners blocked a proposal to apologise in a parliamentary resolution on the 50th anniversary of Pearl Harbor. Tokyo's Yasukuni shrine to Japan's 2.5 million war dead, which contains memorials to men executed in 1948 for war crimes, offers no criticism of their actions; and so carefully screened are Japan's school textbooks that many young Japanese do not know who started the Pacific war.

Towards the "comfort women", official Japan's attitude until now has veered between the nonchalant and the insulting. For years Japan denied all knowledge; then all official involvement; then, when a Japanese professor unearthed documents last year proving that the Imperial authorities ran the "comfort stations", the government implied that the women were there of their own accord. Even after some Korean and Filipina women sued for compensation in Japanese courts, it refused until this year to interview survivors — many died in the brothels — on "privacy" grounds.

Amends have begun to be made. Although yesterday's statement claims that some women joined the military brothels voluntarily, it admits that many were coerced and apologises for "injuries to the mind and body that cannot be healed". The next steps must be a full investigation, publication of the findings and compensation for the survivors. Japanese policy on compensation for wartime atrocities has been that all claims were waived either under the peace treaty or in subsequent agreements. Suchlegalism, in the face of lives ruined by cold calculation without a trace of military excuse, ill becomes a country that yesterday promised to start facing the historical facts and "take them to heart as lessons".

Japan's economy was transformed under LDP rule, making it the world's second largest economic power — and the world's second largest military spender. But its political development was stunted. At home, a corrupt electoral system kept the LDP seemingly permanently in power and deprived Japanese voters of real choice. Abroad, Japan's pacific constitution and its preference for a low profile under the American umbrella were accompanied by a refusal squarely to confront its military past.

The reformers who head the new governing coalition have ambitions to bring Japan to political maturity, with a genuinely accountable pluralistic democracy and a more robust global profile, reflected in demands for a permanent seat on the UN Security Council. The second goal, as they appear to see it, implies overcoming resentments of Japanese power among its Asian neighbours, where 30 per cent still fear that it could again become a military threat.

The coalition which takes over today has promised a new beginning. It could start with compensation for the women whose sufferings Japan has too long hidden under the name of "comfort".

CONDON'S COMMUNITY

The commissioner of the Met responded wisely to public anger

The suspension of Scotland Yard's specialist deportations unit by Paul Condon, the Metropolitan commissioner, was a bold response to the tensions arising from the case of the Jamaican woman, Joy Gardner. Mrs Gardner's death on Sunday, four days after she collapsed at her home while being served with a deportation order, stirred uncomfortable memories of the Broadwater Farm estate riots in 1985. But Mr Condon's swift action appears to have averted whatever immediate risk there was of disorder. More importantly, it has sent an important signal to black people that their grievances are taken seriously by the police.

The circumstances of this tragic accident remain unclear. Sending five police officers to deport a single mother may have been heavy-handed; yet Mrs Gardner's allegedly violent behaviour had already prompted her husband to seek county court injunctions to have her removed from his house. It is difficult for deportation officers to predict the level of resistance they are likely to encounter in each case and wise of them to err on the side of safety.

The Police Complaints Authority's investigation must now judge whether the unit acted too aggressively when its officers entered Mrs Gardner's home. Mr Condon's welcome enquiry into deportation procedures should also ask whether the special circumstances of deportation justify the use of special restraining devices such as handcuffs linked to a belt. The initial finding of this week's post-mortem that Mrs Gardner suffered brain damage suggests that the unit's methods must be reviewed.

Whether the commissioner was right to suspend its operations totally — in addition to suspending the individual officers involved — will only become clear when these enquiries are complete. But the decisiveness of his reaction was admirable. When the Broadwater Farm estate teetered on the brink of anarchy eight years ago, senior officers dithered in their response to the death of the black woman, Cynthia Jarrett, during a police raid. The officers involved were not suspended; but neither were reinforcements sent in quickly enough to control the rioting. Mr Condon's alertness this week won immediate praise from the Labour MP Bernie Grant, who led black opposition to the police in 1985. There are signs that old hostilities are being laid to rest — despite the efforts of white left-wing extremists to revive them.

Community policing has advanced since Lord Scarman's report on the Brixton riots 12 years ago. Mr Condon rightly rejects the confusion of police work with social engineering: the job of the police is to protect the community rather than to defer to its every political whim. He is instead continuing the campaign launched in Sir Peter Imbert's "Plus" programme to transform the police from a force into a service.

More officers will be taken out of desk jobs and specialist squads and put back onto the beat. Performance targets and standard response times will enhance accountability to the public. The commissioner will also develop "sector policing", which devolves responsibility from senior officers to the men on the ground. The unprecedented co-operation between police and gay men over the recent series of murders of homosexuals in London showed how quickly old antagonisms can be buried. By recognising the urgency of the Joy Gardner case, Mr Condon has made eventual rapprochement between the police and black community all the more likely.

BUY THE SEASIDE

The traditional bucket-and-spade holiday is the last resort

The old English seaside has an old-fashioned air. Today's report for the English Tourist Board, *Turning the Tide*, recommends that it should make a virtue of nostalgia, and recover its elegant past, in order to win back holidaymakers who have drifted overseas to warmer waters, darker and faster suntans, cheaper alcohol and other exotic (or imaginary) pleasures.

The former elegance of even such genteel resorts as Weston-super-Mare, compared to the Bay of Naples by Victorians, can be exaggerated. The nostalgic image may be of promenade and pier, donkey rides along the beach and deck-chairs, ice cream cornets, bandstand and kiss-me-quick hats. Less sentimental observers saw it as the place where Bristolians could take their ladies on a Sunday afternoon to bask in the mud like so many hippopotami, achieving the levity and jollity of a Masonic lodge meeting.

The seaside resorts of Great Britain were created by the railways and the tribal annual holiday of the Industrial Revolution. As well as their stunted palm trees and winter garden palaces, today many are showing their age. Amusement arcades with video games are now the big attractions beside the sea, where holidaymakers once built sand castles and Donald McGill caricatured pneumatic viragos and little men paddling with their trousers rolled up. The Tourist Board's recommendations to plant more trees, exploit historic buildings, preserve the Edwardian seafronts, and make heritage and history as important as sun and sand at seaside resorts, are as platitudinous as might be expected. Sun and sand cannot be guaranteed, even at Weston-super-Mare, and public taste and standard of holiday have become more sophisticated in the past generation. Genteel decay and sleaze disfigure the best promenades, as they demean Oxford Street and Princes Street.

But Britons still do like to be beside the seaside. Last year more than 23 million trips were made to the English resorts; and holidaymakers spend £3.9 billion by the sea. As the Scotch mist and North Sea haar sweep in, from Margate to Morecambe and Whitby to Weymouth, the English seaside holiday is still a national treasure.

There has never been much grace about it, but it has an unmistakable flavour — of onions and chips, vulgarity and simple fun. The marketing men of the English Tourist Board are making a publicist's move to summon up nostalgia for an imaginary past. But the British beach's populist pleasures are in any case safe. They appeal to a national characteristic even stronger than nostalgia — bracing masochism.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Collapse of the ERM and prospects for monetary union

From Mr Norman Lamont, MP for Kingston upon Thames (Conservative)

Sir, Sir Edward Heath's article today ("Speculators cannot break us") oddly muddles me up with the prime minister.

First, I never said that I believed the pound would be the strongest currency in the ERM. That was the prime minister.

Secondly, I have never said that the government deserves credit for the events of September 16 ("Black Wednesday"). It was again the prime minister who said (report, August 3) that recent events vindicated our decision to suspend membership of the ERM.

I went out of my way in my article ("Hurrah for the new realism", August 3) to point out that we were forced out of the ERM. I do not believe that it is right to claim otherwise.

As regards the events of September 16, I do not believe that it would be right for me to comment — at the moment. But I do not accept what Sir Edward Heath says.

The point of my article was merely to identify the common causes in the European economy that have now led nine countries, including France, Italy and Britain, to abandon their link with the ERM.

Incidentally, is my memory playing tricks on me or did Sir Edward Heath's government in 1972 last all of six weeks in the European snake?

Yours faithfully
NORMAN LAMONT,
House of Commons.
August 4.

From Mr Ronald Eyres

Sir, One should not begrudge Norman Lamont his moment of joy, even *schadenfreude*, over the breakdown of the ERM.

Nevertheless, the flaw in the analysis in his article is apparent when he writes that "Germany has needed high interest rates to control the inflationary consequences of reunification".

This is a monetarist view which places the burden of economic management on interest-rate adjustments rather than taxation. The attraction to governments is that such a policy appeals (in the short term) as a soft option.

In the UK, it is worth recalling the budgetary laxity and interest-rate severity stemming from the late 1980s, and the resultant inflation. The government joined the ERM out of opportunism, whereas it had previously said the time to enter would be when our inflation was in line with that of competitors.

It could be said that fault lines were introduced into the system by its misuse by the UK and then abuse by Germany as a result of monetarist policies rather than balanced economic management. It is monetarism which should be in the dock, not the ERM.

Yours faithfully,
RONALD EYRES,
27 Grove Terrace, NW5.
August 3.

From Lord Bruce of Donington

Sir, All prospects of economic and monetary union (EMU) having now disappeared, it seems quite pointless to have ratified the Maastricht treaty (report, August 3) — already pronounced dead by the former Chancellor, Mr Norman Lamont.

Clearly it would now be a waste of time and money to proceed with phase two of the EMU plan, for there is now no need whatsoever for the establishment of the European Monetary Institute, which would have led to the creation of the European Central Bank.

Without having to bother further with these very expensive bureaucratic and non-accountable organisations it ought to be possible to apply our minds to the best ways of benefiting from the single market by achieving genuine co-operation between member states, by concluding a comprehensive Gatt agreement and by pursuing policies of full employment in Europe.

Yours sincerely,
DONALD BRUCE,
House of Lords.
August 3.

From Mr Glyn Picton

Sir, Rather than reciting the events of 1972, as does Mr Enoch Powell ("A prophet in his own country", August 3), is it not our duty to prepare for the future? What kind of world will our grandchildren inherit?

Is it not possible that the countries of Europe will be less interested in Mr Lamont's "separate national economic management" than the emergence of world powers: China, Japan and a revived America, that is, the United States of America?

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr Nicholas Aylott

Sir, For Sir Edward Heath to blame currency speculators for the ERM's crises (report, August 2) is preposterous. The mechanism had come to epitomise the subjugation of economic reality to Community leaders' fixations with a single currency and a European state. If they have hastened the exposure of this ruinous fallacy, the speculators deserve commendation for public service.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr Richard Spring, MP for Bury St Edmunds (Conservative)

Sir, The effective demise of the ERM will surely result in lower interest rates in continental Europe, and therefore aid economic recovery, all of which is to Britain's benefit.

There is, however, the risk of competitive currency adjustments over the medium term if governments feel that domestically induced inflation is controllable. Additionally, volatile interest rates and currency movements would make the operation of the single market difficult.

Thus there are dangers, despite the weekend's welcome news. Surely the solution now, again proposed by Norman Lamont, is to re-float John Major's proposal of a parallel hard ecu currency. Businesses or others may wish to operate in such a currency with the resultant conversion and transfer savings. It would not inhibit countries from pursuing domestic monetary policies which would encourage growth and reduce unemployment.

It was shot down in flames because it was politically incorrect. Surely now is the time to pursue this when the Euro-centralisers are so patently in retreat.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD SPRING,
House of Commons.

From Mr C. F. W. Wyatt

Sir, With shrewd timing Enoch Powell puts forward a cogent argument for a return to self-government in this country now that the ERM has been exposed in all its nakedness. Could he now be persuaded to take a tilt at the CAP?

To give him a lead, as a sheep farmer I receive from Maff a "present" of £18 for each ewe kept over the winter. It is silly to be ungrateful but the scheme is wholly unnecessary as lambs are selling at prices which ensure the operation is reasonably profitable anyway.

How many more European farces are there?

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES WYATT,
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Forests to protect the environment

From the President of the Landscape Institute, and others

Sir, The Forestry Commission owns or manages 4 per cent of the land area of the UK, one quarter of which is designated as forest parks providing public access and recreational facilities. A further 21,000 hectares have been selected as forest nature reserves, to conserve rare species and habitats.

We believe that this widely distributed and well planned productive land cover should continue in public ownership. Our concern is that a massive broad- and narrow-leaved multi-purpose forest is more than ever an essential part of our national response to both absorption of pollution and its reversal.

The policy and safeguards of the policy on both forests and woodlands need to be in the national interest — not private and certainly not speculative private interest, where safeguards are likely to be diminished.

Studies from all the countries attending and supporting our own government's initiatives at last year's Earth Summit in Rio have shown the need for overall planning to save forests. It seems to us both confusing and careless to allow this impending change to the long-term guardianship by the commissioo.

We call on government to continue to improve the performance of the Forestry Commission as an investment for us all in both the United Kingdom and Europe.

Yours sincerely,
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Relief for Africa

From the Deputy Director of Oxfam

Sir, Chris Patten ("Why liberty will always triumph", July 30) is right that a "new wind of change" is blowing away old dictatorships and heralding democracy in sub-Saharan Africa. But the "heroic" efforts of African countries to transforin their economies and politics are threatened by soaring debts, cuts in Western aid and inequitable trading regimes.

As Mr Patten rightly says it "would be ironic if ... the OECD countries, preoccupied with our own problems, were to ignore [Africa's] needs". However, ignoring Africa's plight is exactly what the leaders of the group of seven industrialised countries did at last month's Tokyo summit by prevaricating and ultimately failing to take the measures that would have reduced the debt burden.

If Africa's fragile recovery fails, then by the end of the century over half the region's population — more than 300 million people — are expected to be living in abject poverty. There is always the danger that many countries could spiral into civil war, as has already happened in Angola, Liberia, Sudan and Somalia. It is much more costly in human and financial terms to wait on the sidelines than to act decisively and promptly.

This year Britain's aid budget may be cut. Mr Major and his Cabinet should listen to their former party chairman's well argued thoughts.

Yours etc,
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Aids attitudes

From Mr J. R. G. Keith

Sir, Tuberculosis appears to be making an unwelcome comeback, particularly in east London (report, July 29, later editions). TB outbreaks have previously killed thousands and, given the opportunity, will undoubtedly do the same again. There are, however, potent tools to fight its spread, including inoculation and the fact that it is a notifiable disease.

Aids is a similarly lethal disease, but for the layman the main difference is that for TB there is both a preventive inoculation and a cure. How can politicians or medical practitioners continue to justify the fact that TB is a notifiable disease, whilst the incurable Aids is not? Is it not time that such double standards and hypocrisy gave way to plain medical common sense, thereby possibly saving thousands of innocent lives and huge sums of public money?

Yours sincerely,
ROBIN KEITH,
19 Rugby Mansions,
Bishop King's Road, W14.

Funds for dialysis

From Dr P. Sweny

Sir, Under-utilisation of kidney machines (report, July 26) reflects inadequate funds to pay for nurses. In turn this reflects inadequately funded health authorities unable to pay realistic prices for treatment at dialysis centres. More dialysis units are indeed needed and they should be near where the patients live. This requires new funding and should not be at the expense of the hard-pressed central units in London.

Dialysis machines are relatively inexpensive and have a life expectancy of ten years if well maintained. This reduces their real cost to £1,300 a year. Machines can of course be used three times a day, six days a week, but most patients prefer treatment during the day and not at weekends. Moving machines around the country without nurses to run them will not help. Staff are expensive. Capital for equipment is much less of a problem than funds for staff.

Since the figures on which your report was based were submitted our hospital dialysis programme has increased from 49 to 60 patients. There is still an unmet need for our local patients and a need to increase still further our patient numbers on hospital dialysis, in addition to the 130 carrying out dialysis at home under our care and supervision.

Yours sincerely,
PAUL SWENY,
Department of Nephrology
and Transplantation,
Royal Free Hospital,
Lawn Road Division,
Pond Street, NW3.
July 28.

From Mr G. J. Madden

Sir, Your article on the under-use of dialysis machines in London makes interesting reading.

The three hospitals that appear to make maximum use of their dialysis machines — St Bartholomew's, St Mary's and Charing Cross — all appear to have their renal units under threat of closure.

Since throughput is such a desired aim these days perhaps we should ask the managers of these units how they achieve such efficiency.

Yours faithfully,
G. J. MADDEN,
St Mary's Hospital, Praed Street, W2.

The gospel truth

From Mr David Foster

Sir, Matthew Parris (article, August 2) wonders why "My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?" was not explained away by the gospel spin doctors, but Christ was here quoting the opening verse of Psalm 22. This continues in the Authorised Version with the prophecies, then just fulfilled, that He would be mocked, His hands and feet pierced and His garments divided.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID FOSTER,
Beech House, Shifnal, Shropshire.
August 2.

Selling with a soul

From Miss Henrietta Rose

Sir, Mr Alan Hamilton (report and photograph, August 2) questioned whether estate agents have any soul. Since April, when the Property Misdescriptions Act came into force, estate agents have been obliged to give only factual information on pain of prosecution. Poetic observations, being largely subjective, are out of the question. I wonder whether Mr Hamilton could prove to the man on the Clapham omnibus that Inishanboe nestles under the Connemara mountains or that an evening can be full of linnets' wings? Luckily for him, the expression of the journalist's soul has yet to be curbed by legislation.

Yours faithfully,
HENRIETTA ROSE,
20 Bassingham Road, SW18.

Parish dues

From Canon Michael Saward

Sir, The letter from Mr and Mrs Bartlett on parish quotas (July 24) contains its own answer. Their parish has 284 people on the electoral roll and the 1994 quota is a little over £30,000. That amounts to £110 per person for the year, or £2.10 per person per week.

The latest published figures for their diocese of Winchester show that the per capita direct giving for their electoral roll members was £1.70 or almost 30p less than the average for the whole Canterbury province. As a comparison, London diocese's electoral roll members were giving £3.71 in the same period and Southwark's £2.92.

Both London and Southwark have large numbers of churchpeople who are far from well-off. Many are pensioners.

It is hard to believe that Winchester diocese, with its high Sunday church attendance rates, is so poor that its people need to give at such a low rate. What seems more likely is that their self-expectation of what Christians ought to be giving to their church is far too low.

If your readers are willing to pay £2.75 per week for their six issues of *The Times*, are the members of the electoral roll in the Bartletts' parish unable to manage a smaller sum to pay a quota that is largely spent on providing for the stipend and housing of their own parochial clergy? That is the chief purpose of the quota.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL SAWARD
(Canon Treasurer of
St Paul's Cathedral),
6 Amen Court, EC4.
July 26.

From Mrs J. M. Harriss

Sir, Most parochial church councils, which have to ensure that quotas are met, devote an unconscionable amount of time and effort to financial matters. This involves not only the jam-and-jumble roadshow, but also ensuring that members of the congregation know of the steadily increasing contribution that has to be made towards clergy stipends, not to mention the rather less vital need to subsidise General Synod and its works. Considerable efforts are made to increase giving through persuasioo and information rather than threatening the "medieval tithe" (leading article, July 23).

I would suggest that the evidence of almost unbelievable incompetence in portfolio management by the Church Commissioners in the past few years (letters, July 28, August 2) does not cause Anglicans "alarm" — it *infuriates them*.

Yours faithfully,
JANE HARRISS,
Gaston Manor, Tisbury,
Salisbury, Wiltshire.

Fraud-fighter

From Mr Peter Hardy

Sir, French credit cards require the cardholder to enter a PIN to confirm the transaction. To maintain confidentiality the cardholder is given access to the keyboard of a small portable machine which may be used at the table in a restaurant.

Surely this system goes a long way to combat fraud and should be introduced in Britain without delay.

Yours faithfully,
PETER HARDY,
3 Mount Court, 81 Central Hill, SE19.
August 2.

Diary devotee

From Mrs Hazel Wheeler

Sir, "But how many of us have ever kept a detailed diary much beyond January 12 of any particular year?" asks Ian Robertson ("The tragedy of forgetting", Body and Mind, July 27).

In 1941, when a 14-year-old grammar school girl, I began keeping a diary. Never have I missed a day writing in one since. In the 1960s I graduated to "page a day" diaries. Weather, prices, emotions, current affairs, boyfriends — 49 are listed for 1947 — are all there. As years go by the earlier ones become even more engrossing: an interesting legacy for my three granddaughters.

Yours faithfully,
HAZEL WHEELER,
58 Greenhead Lane, Dalton,
Huddersfield, West Yorkshire.
July 28.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
August 4: His Excellency Mr Joseph K arap Ruto was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Commission as High Commissioner for the Republic of Kenya in London.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the High Commission: Mr A O Oyiolo (First Secretary), Colonel F R Nthiggah (Defence Adviser), Miss J V Awuor (Second Secretary I), Mr J K Kandie (Legal Officer), Mr D K A Kikaya (Second Secretary II), Mr P S Wamoto (Second Secretary III) and Mr S K Maina (Third Secretary).

Mrs Ruto was also received by Her Majesty.

Sir David Gillmore (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present and the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

The Earl of Mansfield and Mansfield (First Crown Estate Commissioner) was received by The Queen.

CLARENCE HOUSE
August 4: Today is the Anniversary of the Birthday of Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Count Johann von Struensee, physician and politician, Halle, Germany, 1737; John Wrottesley, 2nd Baron Wrottesley, astronomer, Stafford, 1798; Alexander Kinglake, historian, Taunton, 1809; Edward John Eyre, explorer and Governor of Jamaica, Hornsea, Yorkshire, 1815; Guy de Maupassant, short story writer, Miromesnil, France, 1850; Conrad Aiken, novelist and poet, Savannah, Georgia, 1889; Clara Bow, the "It" girl film star, Brooklyn, New York, 1906; John Huston, film director, Nevada, Missouri, 1906; Harold Holt, Prime Minister of Australia 1966-67, Sydney, 1908.

DEATHS: Thomas Newcomen, inventor of the atmospheric steam engine, London, 1729; James Gibbs, architect, London, 1754; Frederick North, 2nd Earl of Guildford, Prime Minister 1770-82, London, 1792; Richard Howe, Earl Howe, admiral, 1799; Friedrich Engels, co-author of The Communist Manifesto 1848, London, 1895; Phil May, cartoonist, London, 1903; Arthur Meighen, Prime Minister of Canada 1920-21 and 1926, Toronto, 1960; Marilyn Monroe, actress, Los Angeles, 1962; Richard Burton, actor, Geneva, 1984.

The first travelller's cheque, devised by American Express, 1891.

The Nuclear Test Ban Treaty was signed by Britain, America and Russia, 1963.

The actress Barbara Flynn is 45 today

Birthdays today

The Hon Charles Allsopp, chairman, Christie, Manson and Woods, 53; Professor Neil Armstrong, first man on the moon, 63; Mr Billy Bingham, football manager, 62; Professor Sir Michael Drury, former president, Royal College of General Practitioners, 67; Major-General W.H. Hargreaves, physician, 85; Miss Jacquetta Hawkes, archaeologist, 83; Miss Joan Hickson, actress, 87; Mr Alan Howard, actor, 56; General Sir Peter Inge, 58; Sir Michael Kerry, QC, former Procurator General and Treasury Solicitor, 70; Sir Bert Millichip, chairman, Football Association, 79; Mr Rodney Pattisson, yatchsman, 50; Mr K.P. Pearson, headmaster, George Heriot's School, Edinburgh, 52; Sir Eric Pountain, chairman, Tarmac, 60; the Hon Miriam Rothschild, entomologist, 85; Mr. Rob Saunders, rugby player, 25; Mr Nicholas Scott, MP, 60; Lord Sefton of Garston, 78; Miss Theodora Turner, former matron, St Thomas' Hospital, 86; Mr John Whitaker, showjumper, 38.

Luncheon

HM Government
Baroness Chalker of Wallasey, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and Minister for Overseas Development, was host at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government yesterday at Admiralty House for Mr Bakary Dabo, Gambian Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs.

Latest wills

Mr Ian **Mikardo**, of Cheadle, Greater Manchester, Labour MP for Reading 1945-59, Poplar 1964-74, Tower Hamlets, Bethnal Green and Bow 1974-83, and Bow and Poplar 1983-87, for many years chairman of the Labour Party and a member of the National Executive, left estate valued at £107,176.

Baroness Alice Martha **Bacon**, of Normanton, West Yorkshire. Alice Bacon, the former Labour MP for South East Leeds and North East Leeds, and a Minister of State in two of Harold Wilson's governments, left net estate valued between £115,000 and £125,000.

She left £31,000 and effects to personal legatees, £1,000 to her executors to use the income for the upkeep of family graves at Normanton Parish Church, with any remainder for such purposes as they decide, and 2/3rds of the residue to Leeds City Council and 1/3rd of the residue to Normanton Town Council, for the benefit in each case of the elderly living in their areas.

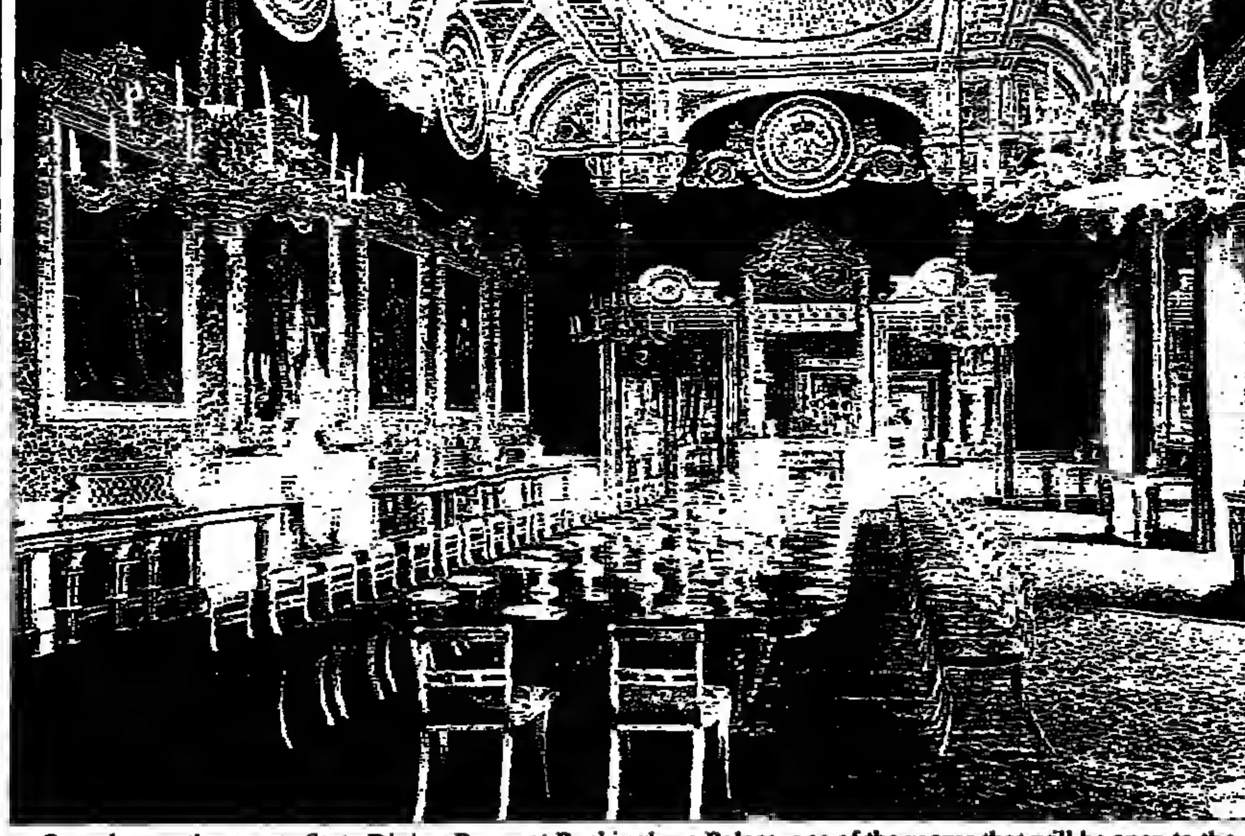
Other estates include (net before tax):

Mrs Dorothy Elfin, of Manchester £557,823
Mr George Asymer Haysman, of Westcliff on Sea, Essex £529,262
Mrs Dorothy Elsie Hodgson, of Worthing, West Sussex ... £504,556
Mr Bryan Jones, of St Annes on Sea, Lancashire £649,344
Mr Jonas Lyons, of Seaford, East Sussex £626,234
Dr Douglas Nelson **MacKinnon**, of Bolton, Greater Manchester £628,179
Mrs Gertrude Millicent **Moore**, of Hitchin, Hertfordshire £612,210
Mrs Dorothy Mary **Thomson**, of Ilkley, West Yorkshire .. £3,397,947
Winifred Mary **Wilson**, of London, NW3 .... £1,159,568

Memorial services

Sir Richard Norman
A memorial service for Sir Richard Norman, KBE, MA, DPhil, DSc, FRS, Rector of Exeter College and Honorary Fellow of Balliol and Merton Colleges, will be held in the University Church of St Mary the Virgin, Oxford, on Tuesday, September 21, 1993, at 2.30pm.

Patrick Furse
A celebration of the life of Patrick Martin Furse will be held at St Georges Church, Hanover Square, London, W1, on Saturday, September 18, at 10.30am. All are welcome to attend.



Open house: the ornate State Dining Room at Buckingham Palace, one of the rooms that will be open to the paying public for the first time from this Saturday until the end of September. The money raised from entrance fees will help to pay for repairs to Windsor Castle which was damaged by fire last year

Archaeology

Successful deciphering of ancient script offers new clues to Mayan hieroglyphics

By Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent

THE decipherment of a previously unread ancient script in southern Mexico has shed new light on the most famous writing system in prehispanic America: the hieroglyphic texts of the Maya civilization.

The inscription on a monument from a region adjacent to the Maya area shows many structural parallels and similar content to the stelae erected by Maya kings to their own glory between AD 300 and 900.

The announcement by Dr John S Justeson and Dr Terrence Kaufman that they had deciphered the inscription on the La Mojarra stela (*Science* 259:1703-1711), and that it was in pre-proto-Zoquean, ancestor of four languages still spoken in the region around the Isthmus of Tehuantepec, has caused great excitement among archaeologists and epigraphers working on the emergence of civilization in the New World.

The La Mojarra monument, the discovery of which was first revealed in *The Times* (March 8, 1988), is acknowledged as one of the most important finds in Mexico since the war. Dating to AD 159, it portrays a richly-accoutred ruler in an elaborate costume, accompanied by a text of more than 400 hieroglyphic signs, one of the longest Native American inscriptions known.

Working from the hypothesis that the inscription was in a language ancestral to the Mixe-Zoque spoken in this area of the Gulf Coast at the time of the Spanish conquest, and that its content was of a similar historical and biographical nature to Maya texts of the third century and later, Drs Justeson and Kaufman were able to propose phonetic readings for many of the signs.

The task was harder than the decipherment of Egyptian hieroglyphics because no bilingual text like the Rosetta Stone was available. A Zoquean rather than Mixean language was identified from the detailed structure of the inscription, and numerous terms relating to ritual and kingship isolated. Some of these, such as the signs for scattering offerings and letting blood in autosacrifice, were very close in form to known Maya glyphs.

As a result, the content of the La Mojarra inscription is now known to embrace two dates separated by exactly nine cycles of the planet Venus, revered as a war deity in ancient Mesoamerica, and to document the ruler drawing blood from his penis. His name and titles have also been identified, although their pronunciation is not yet certain.

Daytime, sunrise or sunset, a star or planet, signs for earth and water, and place names have all been identified, making the parallels with Maya dynastic texts, with their insistent precision of dating to a specific day and phase of the moon, even more striking.

Like the Maya stelae, the La Mojarra monument has a political function, detailing the accession to power of the ruler portrayed and other important military and ritual events.

What Drs Justeson and Kaufman have deciphered, however, is not a country cousin of Maya writing: it is a precursor, in the land where Olmec culture, sometimes called "America's first civilization", emerged in the first millennium BC.

It is also an independent writing system, the earliest to be deciphered in the New World, and one which promises to be nearly as detailed in what it says as the Maya script.

So far only one other text of any length is known, on a small statuette dating to AD 162, and this appears to mention the same king as the La Mojarra stela. Its inscription can also be used as a check on some of the decipherments proposed so far.

Most intriguing of all, perhaps, is the possibility that the Olmec, shadowy figures best known from the giant stone heads which depict their rulers, may have originated a symbol system before their demise around 400 BC. The history of literacy in prehispanic America may be longer than hitherto thought.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will attend a recording of a special Songs of Praise programme at Southampton Dock at 4.40 to mark the 175th anniversary of the British Sailors' Society; and will embark on *HMY Britannia* at Southampton at 5.30 to cruise in the Western Isles.

Princess Margaret, as patron, will visit the National Pony Society centenary show at the Three Counties Showground, Malvern, at 12.15.

Appointment

Ian McCluney to be British High Commissioner to Sierra Leone in succession to D K Sprague who will be retiring from the Diplomatic Service.

Church news

The Rev Canon William Morton, Senior Industrial Chaplain, and attached to the parish of Norwich, St Peter Mancroft w St John Maddermarket, and Rural Dean of Norwich East (Norwich) to be an Honorary Canon Emeritus of Norwich Cathedral.

The Rev James Robertson, Vicar, Redcar: to be Vicar, Selby, St Mary (York).

The Rev Adam Romanis, Team Vicar in charge, St Andrew's, Seaton Hirst: to be Vicar, Newcastle Christ Church w St Ann (Newcastle).

The Rev Michael Slack, non-stipendiary Assistant Curate, Bywell St Peter: to be Team Vicar, St Aidan's, Billy Mill, in the Cullercoats Team Ministry (Newcastle).

The Rev Dr Brian Stevens, Chaplain at RAF St Mawgan: to be Assistant Curate, Newquay (Truro).

The Rev Peter Stow, Curate, Forest Gate, St Mark: to be Vicar, Forest Gate, St Mark (Chelmsford).

The Rev Roger Vaughan, Vicar, Abbots Bromley w Blithfield: to be Vicar, Stafford St John the Baptist and Tixall w Ingestre (Lichfield).

The Rev David Wakefield, Curate, St Luke, South Park, Reigate (Southwark): to be Chaplain at Bullingdon Prison, Bicester (Oxford).

The Rev Jane Waugh, permission to officiate, diocese York to be non-stipendiary Assistant Minister, St Olave's, York, same diocese.

The Rev Canon Robert Whiteley, formerly Vicar, Almondbury and Rural Dean of Almondbury (Wakefield): to be a Canon Emeritus of Wakefield Cathedral (Wakefield).

The Rev Walter Wilkinson: to continue as Rural Dean of Beverley (York) for a further period of five years.

The Rev Anne Wright, ASsistant Curate, Kingston upon Hull, Holy Trinity (York): to be Head of Ministry Among Women, Church Pastoral Aid Society.

Resignations and retirements

The Rev Paul Bibby, Rector, Hambledon Valley group (Oxford): to retire as from October 31.

The Rev Jeremy Howard, Chaplain of Bullingdon Prison, Bicester (Oxford): to resign as from the end of August.

The Rev John Maughan, Vicar, St Cuthbert, Cleadon Park (Durham): to resign as from September 30.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr V.J. Buchanan and Miss M.J. Hamilton
The engagement is announced between Victor, son of the late Mr Kenneth Buchanan and of Mrs Deirdre Buchanan, of Pickering, and Marion, youngest daughter of the late Mr Timothy Hamilton and of Mrs Margaret Hamilton, of Inverness.

Mr D.D. Charlton and Miss N.S. Buss
The engagement is announced between David, only son of Mr and Mrs F.F.H. Charlton, of Sevenoaks, Kent, and Nicola, only daughter of Dr and Mrs David Buss, of Fleet, Hampshire.

Mr N. Hellman and Miss H. Davis
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs Louis Hellman, of London, and Harriet, daughter of Mr and Mrs Eddie Davis, of Loughborough, Leicestershire.

Mr C.B. Kelsall Edwards and Miss D.J. Peterson
The engagement is announced between Charlton, son of Mr Bryan Kelsall Edwards, of Harpenden, and Mrs Patricia Fruttauro, of Kew, and Diana, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Peterson, of St Albans.

Mr M. Lagesse and Miss L.A. Hare
The engagement is announced between Marc, son of Mr and Mrs Pierre Lagesse, of Moka, Mauritius, and Laura, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Colin Hare, of Palmar, Trou D'Eau Douce, Mauritius.

Mr S. Mattinson and Miss C.A. Duguid
The engagement is announced between Simon, second son of Mrs P. Mattinson, of Camberley, Surrey, and Caroline, only daughter of Mr and Mrs G.A. Duguid, of Petworth, West Sussex.

Mr T.R.P. Shaw and Miss A.M. Slot
The engagement is announced between Tim, eldest son of Sir Brian and Lady Shaw, of Norland Square, London, W11, and Meirion, second daughter of His Honour Judge and Mrs Peter Slot, of The Red House, Betchworth, Surrey.

Mr M. Stevenson and Miss S.J. Withers
The engagement is announced between Matthew, eldest son of the Rev A.R. Stevenson and Mrs S. Stevenson, of Croydon, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs M.G. Withers, of Effingham, Surrey.

Mr N.J. Thompson and Miss L.J. Christie
The engagement is announced between Nathan, younger son of Mr and Mrs J.B. Thompson, of Deganwy, Gwynedd, and Lara, daughter of Mr and Mrs P. Christie, of Durie, Leven.

The Hon Graham Mackintosh and Miss A.R. Fisher
The engagement is announced between Graham, younger son of the late John Viscount Mackintosh of Halifax and of Gwynneth Viscountess Mackintosh of Halifax, of Barford, Norfolk, and Angela, youngest daughter of Mr Bryan Fisher, of Tenbury Wells, Worcestershire, and Mrs Eileen Fisher, of Clent, Worcestershire.

Mr J.E.C. Percy and the Hon Zara Digby
The engagement is announced between James, younger son of the late Mr Harry Percy and of Mrs Harry Percy, of Beccles, Suffolk, and Zara, only daughter of Lord and Lady Digby, of Minterne, Dorset.

Marriages

Comte Olivier de Rosmorduc and Miss E.C. Fraser
The marriage took place on Saturday, July 31, at Westminster Cathedral between Comte Olivier de Rosmorduc, son of the late Comte and Comtesse Tanguy de Rosmorduc, and Miss Eleanor Fraser, daughter of the late Mr Rory Fraser and of Mrs Edward Eyre. Father Jock Dalrymple officiated, assisted by Father Anthony Dwyer. The Right Rev Monsignor Alfred Gilbey was robed and in the Sanctuary.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her stepfather, Mr Edward Eyre, was attended by Tatiana Galitzine, Blanche de Mérode, Louis Powell, Evelyn Dunne, Lucy Fraser, Giles Eyre and Edmund Eyre. The witnesses were Princess Wolfgang von Bayern, Mrs David Ruck, Archduke Istvan of Austria and Prince Stephan von Croy.

A reception was held at Brooks's and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Mr M.W.V. Mathewson and Miss A.V. Leveson-Gower
The marriage of Mr Mark Mathewson and Miss Alice Leveson-Gower took place on July 31 at St Nicholas, West Tanfield, Yorkshire.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Mr Mark Leveson-Gower, and attended by Alice Campbell-Lamerton, Olivia Hearn, Freddie Hall and Angus Lambert. Major Charles McGrath, Irish Guards, was best man.

A reception was held at Thorpe Lodge, Littlethorpe.

Mr S. Matthews and Miss N-Y. Park
The marriage took place at Chelsea Register Office, London, on Thursday, July 29, between Stephen Matthews and Nan-Yeong Park.

University news

London
King's College
The following have been elected Fellows:

Presentation Fellows: Lord Attenborough, actor, producer, director, radio and television executive; The Most Rev Dr George Carey, Archbishop of Canterbury and College Visitor, King's College London; Dr Jonathan Sacks, Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of the Commonwealth.

Fellows: Sir Peter Baldwin, Chairman of Delegacy, King's College School of Medicine and Dentistry; The Rev Richard Coggins, Senior Lecturer in Old Testament Studies, King's College London; Professor Stanley Earles, Head of the Department of Mechanical Engineering and Professor of Mechanical Engineering, King's College London; Dr Muhammad Salim Habib, Chairman and Managing Director of Wellcome Pakistan Ltd; Professor Barry Ife, Head of the School of Humanities and Cervantes Professor of Spanish, King's College London; Dr Abraham Sek-Tong Lue, Former Assistant Principal, King's College London; Professor Roy Pike, Head of the School of Physical Sciences and Engineering and Clerk Maxwell Professor of Theoretical Physics, King's College London.

Edinburgh
Professor Colin Bell of the Department of Sociology and the principal's adviser on quality assurance, and Professor Andrew Miller of the Department of Biochemistry and the principal's adviser on research, have been appointed to the offices of Vice-Principal in succession to Professors R E Asher and Michael Anderson respectively.

Lord Clyde, Chancellor's Assessor on the University Court, has been appointed by the Court as its Vice-Chairman in succession to Lord Murray for three years from October 1 1993. Lord Clyde is a graduate of the university.

Surrey
Council approved the appointment of Professor Patrick J Dowling as the University's Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive with effect from October 1 1994 in succession to Professor Anthony Kelly who will retire at the end of September 1994.

Professor Dowling is currently British Steel Professor of Steel Structures and Head of the Department of Civil Engineering at Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine, University of London. He was appointed British Steel Professor of Steel Structures at Imperial College in 1979 and become Head of the Engineering Structures section in 1981 before being appointed Head of the Department of Civil Engineering in 1985.

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Fornication and indecency of any kind, or ruthless greed, must not be so much as mentioned among you, as befits the people of God.
Ephesians 5 : 3

BIRTHS

ALGOSAIBI - On 2nd August at The Portland Hospital, London, to Yara and Fawaz, a son, Fahad.

BAMFORD - On July 31st to Lucy and Richard, a daughter Elizabeth Maria, a sister for Constance.

BLACKBOROW - On August 2nd, to Katherine (née Pascoe) and Dominic, a sister for George (Harriet Eleanor).

BROWN - On July 25th 1993 at Lindo Wing St. Mary's Paddington to Angeliki (née Diakopoulou) and Colin, a son, Christopher James Glendinning.

BRUCE - On 3rd August at the West Dorset Hospital, Dorchester to Anna and Jamie, a son, Louis.

DAVIS - On July 27th, to Diana (née Stone) and Gerry, a daughter, Clare Diana, a sister for Michael and Jenny.

FISHER - On August 1st, Yorkshire Day, Louise (née Burrow) and Richard are delighted and proud to announce the arrival of their first baby daughter, Hollie Victoria.

KEHOE - On July 28th, to Marigo (Née Acheson), and Richard, a son, Benjamin Joseph.

LALANI - On August 2nd at The Wellington Hospital to Shalina and Karim a beautiful daughter, Shazia Begum, a new baby sister for Sorraya Begum.

LUMLEY - On July 23rd to Yvette (née Dotrice) and John, a daughter Phoebe Victoria Ophelia.

McKEOWN - to Elizabeth (née Lloyd) and Michael, a son, Thomas Mansell on July 31st 1993 in Toronto, Canada.

O'BRIEN - On 1st August to Patricia and Peter, a son, Michael Charles.

PULMAN - On 1st August to Elizabeth (née Cross) and William, a son.

SALMONS - On August 3rd, at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, to Ruth (née Paget) and Darryl, a beautiful daughter, Katharine Ruth, a sister for Lucy and John.

SPYROU - On July 27th 1993 in Greenwich Connecticut, USA, to Amanda (née Anninos) and George, a son, Andreas Nicholas George (Nicholas), a brother for Peter and Isabella.

STICKLAND - On 1st August, to Paul and Henrietta (nee Shirley) Stickland: a son, Felix Charles.

DEATHS

BUCKLEY - On August 2nd 1993 peacefully at home Pat, son of Charles and Ida, aged 92. Cremation at Putney Vale, West Chapel, at 2.15 pm on Friday August 13th. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to The Salvation Army.

CAPPS - Gertrud Margareta on 2nd August suddenly but peacefully, wife of the late F.C.W. Capps, F.R.C.S. and much loved mother of Peter, Birgit, Joan and Ian and grandmother of Robert, Anne, William, Martin, Emily and Matthew. Cremation at the Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham on Monday August 9th 1.30 pm. Flowers to the crematorium or donations to Friends of the Elderly. Enquiries telephone 0494 672668.

COTTON - On 3rd August, peacefully in Lourdes Hospital, Liverpool, Henry Egerton, beloved husband of Sue and father of Kate and Tim. Funeral private. No flowers please, but donations if desired may be sent to Sunnybank, Marie Curie Centre, Liverpool. Thanksgiving Service to be held at Liverpool Cathedral on Thursday 23rd September at 12 noon.

DENNIS - On 30th July, peacefully at Henley, Pamela aged 87, widow of Ralph Dennis and Nevill Vintcent O.B.E., D.F.C., beloved mother of Charles, Henrietta and John and William, and loving stepmother of Alastair and Gerald. Cremation on Thursday 5th August at Reading Crematorium at 2.30pm, followed by a Thanksgiving Service at 3.30pm at St Bartholomews Church, Nettlebed. Flowers or donations to Arthritis and Rheumatism Council to Tomalin & Son, New Street, Henley-On-Thames, Oxon.

EASTHAM - Professor Jack Kenneth Eastham, formerly of Salisbury, Dundee, Ankara and Zaria on 1st August. Cremation 2 pm 6th August at Parc Gwyn Crematorium Narberth, Dyfed. Interment Service at Broadchalke Churchyard near Salisbury 12 noon 12th August.

EVERITT - On August 3rd peacefully at The Old Alresford Cottage Rest Home, William Gordon Commander R.N. (Retd) in his 92nd year. Funeral Service at West Chapel, Southampton Crematorium on Wednesday August 11th at 12.15 pm, to be followed by a short service and joint interment with his beloved wife Maisie at St Barnabas Church, Queen Camel, Somerset, on Tuesday August 17th at 12 noon, no flowers.

FERRIS - On August 2nd 1993, Alan Fletcher of Hoylake, Wirral, after a life of Service. Beloved uncle of Mandy, respected friend of many. Funeral Service at St Andrew's Church, Graham Rd, West Kirby, Wirral on Monday August 9th at 1.45pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please. Donations would be appreciated for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution (R.M.B.I.) c/o Quinns Funeral Service, Hoylake, Wirral. Tel: 051-632 2205.

FOSTER - On August 2nd 1993 peacefully, Audrey Geraldine of Hampton Court Palace. Widow of Lt. Col. Kingsley Foster and mother of Patricia. Funeral Service, family only on Monday 9th August at 4 pm, at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead. Donations in lieu of flowers to Princess Alice Hospice, Esher.

FRANCIS - Peter George DL on Tuesday August 3rd 1993 at home after a long illness fought with dignity and characteristic good humour. Beloved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral private. Thanksgiving Service to follow at a later date. No letters or flowers. Donations if desired to Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund or the Royal Marsden Hospital will be accepted by David W Watkins Funeral Service, 17 Thomas St, Llandeilo, Dyfed.

GIEVE - On 31st July peacefully in Chipping Norton Hospital, John, father of Simon and Frances.

HALE - Reginald Britten FHSC, FRSA, FSA Scot D. Sc. Hon. GCLJ peacefully in Ottawa Canada, June 12th 1993 in his 82nd year. Born in Australia. Cherished husband of Grete (Morrison) Hale. Son of the late Rev. and Mrs Herbert Hale. Brother of Frances Follott, Bath. Lady Ursula Redwood, Flushing, Cornwall. Brother-in-Law of Jean and Arthur Pigott. Gay & Bob Cook. Loved by many nephews and nieces around the world. His life was spent in the service of God and country, studied St Edward's and St Peter's Oxford in the 1930's served in Royal Sussex Regiment, Captain U.S. 8th Air Force, in 2nd World War was awarded Bronze Star. For 28 years his full time was given to the global work of Moral Rearmament; he edited and illustrated ' You can defend America', its forward written by General of the Armies, John J Pershing with editions of two million. After the war he was editor of Newworldnews Magazine with two million circulation to 24 languages. In 1961 he retired to Ottawa where he wrote The Magnificent Cast, the Life of St. Columba of Iona, The Beloved Saint Mungo Founder of Glasgow. He was an early member of Heraldry Society of Canada, Grand Cross Military and Hospitaller Order of St Lazarus of Jerusalem, ancient crusader Order of Chivalry with special care for victims of leprosy. Helped revive historic regiment, Old 78 Fraser Highlanders, serving as Honourable Colonel Fort Glengarry Garrison

HOOKER - On August 3rd 1993 peacefully at home John Joseph Symonds Commander R.N. (retired) aged 78, husband of Pam, father of David, Catherine, Jonathan and Penelope. Funeral at St Mary's Church Pyrton, Friday 6th August, 2.30 pm (family only). Flowers or donations to Watlington Hospital, Oxfordshire.

JONAS - On August 2nd 1993 in hospital, Eve, much loved mother of Trish, John and Tinker, mother-in-law of Alan, Sarah and Gordon, and grandmother of Chris, Nick, Becca and James. Private cremation. Memorial Service at Hasketon Church, Nr. Woodbridge, Suffolk on Monday August 9th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only, but if desired donations made payable to the Suffolk Lung Fund, or R.N.L.I. may be sent to Singleton & Hastings Funeral Service, Berners Street, Ipswich IP1 3LW.

MITCHELL - Miriam, peacefully released from Alzheimer's disease at James House, Chudleigh, Devon, on 3rd August: Much loved wife of Derek and mother of Sarah, Julia and Anthony. Funeral at Exeter Crematorium, Topsham Rd, Exeter on Friday 6th August at 4 pm. Flowers or donations to the Alzheimer's Disease Society to F.A.Turl & Son Ltd., 16 Victoria Rd, Topsham, Exeter EX3 0EU.

MONTAGU - Joy. On July 20th peacefully in Victoria BC.

NIBLETT - On 30th July 1993, in Bromleys Hospital, peacefully after much loving care there and at home of Brian and Lyn, Edith Beryl, aged 90 years, wife of late Allan Howard Niblett M.B.E. Much missed by sons, grandchildren, wives and great-granddaughters. Burial Dorstone Church, Hereford, 5th August 1993.

PATON - Stephen Henry on 2nd August peacefully at home. Much loved by family, ex-pupils and friends. Funeral at St. Mary the Virgin, Weston Turville, Aylesbury 2.30 pm Tuesday 10th August. Family flowers. Donations if desired to Radley College War Memorial Fund.

SAWERS - On August 2nd 1993 suddenly, Winifred (née Erskine) of Brockburn, Brancepeth Village, aged 92 years. Beloved wife of the late Charles Maxwell Orr. A much loved mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Would friends please meet for service in Durham Crematorium on Monday 9th August at 3 pm. No flowers by request. Donations if desired to The R.S.P.C.A. c/o Pennington Funeral Services, Frederick Street North, Meadowfield, Durham DH7 8ND Tel: 091 378 0684 where enquiries may be made.

TILNEY - On 2nd August at Bath Royal United Hospital, Rosalind Hull de Renzy, dear wife of Charles Edward Tilney, of 8 Butts Close, Biddestone, Chippenham. Private cremation. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at Biddestone Church, on 28th August at 1 pm.

YORATH - Peacefully in hospital, on July 29th, John Clifford, aged 85. Funeral Service at Worcester Crematorium on Tuesday August 10th at 11.30am. Flowers or donations to R.A.F.A. may be sent to Malcolm J Presland, 19 High Street, Upton-upon-Severn, Worcs WR8 0HJ.

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OBITUARIES

MAJOR-GENERAL HAROLD WILLMOTT

Major-General Harold George Willmott, CBE, chief of staff of the South African Air Force after the second world war, died in Cape Town on July 5 aged 94. He was born in Malmesbury, South Africa, on August 26, 1899.

HAROLD WILLMOTT was one of the many South Africans of all races — Afrikaner, English, black, Asian and coloured — who volunteered for service in both world wars. At the age of 18 (in 1917), he left for England to join the Royal Flying Corps. He served in Egypt and Palesdne as a second lieutenant. It was a matter of great pride to him in his later years to be able to wear the RFC tie.

After demobilisation and a very short spell in civilian life, he joined the fledgling South African Air Force when it was established in February, 1920.

Willmott's father was an Anglican priest in Malmesbury when his son was born but Willmott's childhood was spent in Clanwilliam, further north in the Cedarburg mountains. Because of the church connection, his parents were able to send their three sons to the diocesan college (Bishops) in Cape Town. The roll of honour at this school for both world wars bears testimony to the heavy casualdes suffered by its old boys.

For Willmott, the 1920s and 1930s were spent in training and building up a force from scratch. In 1938 he attended a course at the Staff College at Camberley and in the following year returned to Britain to RAF Andover, a trip which was cut short by the threat of war in Europe. After much opposition, the South African government, led by Field Marshal J. C. Smuts, followed Britain into the war. From that moment its Air Force, although ill-prepared and with very few modern aircraft, was stretched to the limit to provide protection for shipping in the vital Cape sea lanes as well as the important Royal Navy base at Simonstown.

When the phoney war was over and Italy joined the fray, South Africans became directly involved in North Africa and Willmott spent most of the war years in Egypt and the Western Desert. During that time be visited bases in England and also went to Iceland. Towards the end of 1944 he went on a tour of inspection of South African forces in Italy which were heavily engaged with the retreating Germans.

After the war he was made chief of Cape Command, with headquarters at Wynberg Camp in Cape Town, and when the royal family visited South Africa in 1947 he accompanied them north in the White Train. Later that year he was appointed military attaché to the South African High Commission in London.

In 1951 Willmon returned to South Africa to become Air Chief of Staff until his retirement in 1954. He was immensely proud of the squadron of his country's Sabre jets, the Cheetahs, which went to Korea to fight alongside other UN troops and he made a trip of inspection to see them in action.

Willmott's name — and the fact that he was English-speaking — made him a victim of the Afrikaner nationalism which gripped the country after Dr Malan's victory in the 1948 election and he was not given the diplomadc appointments normally accorded to high military personnel when they retired.

He was, however, never a man to be defeated and he worked tirelessly for the British ex-Servicemen's League and the South African National War Memorial Health Foundation until in the late 1950s he became involved with Decca and was instrumental in introducing Decca Navigation over large areas of the South African coastline.

"Willie" Willmott, as he was affectionately called by all, was universally popular. He was equally at home in Air Force messes in South Africa and Britain (earning the additional appellation of "Whisky" Willie). Until well into his eighties he came regularly to the Farnborough air shows and renewed acquaintance with his many friends. His enthusiasm for aviation was unbounded and he was convinced of the benefits of a career in the Air Force. When he had the opportunity to go to Cape Kennedy to watch the launch of Apollo 13 he grasped it with both hands.

In 1930, he married the daughter of a Cape fruit farmer, Alison Frater, a tennis player of high standard who was chosen to represent South Africa against the English teams who arrived annually. The governor-general of the time, the Earl of Athlone, always asked her to partner him at Government House parties. She survives her husband. They had no children.

Harold Willmott and a friend at Maidenhead

MURIEL PEMBERTON

Muriel Pemberton, painter and pioneer of fashion studies at art colleges, died at her home near Hastings on July 30 aged 83. She was born in Tunstall, Staffordshire, on September 8, 1909.

IF ANYONE had accused Muriel Pemberton of being the mother of British fashion design studies, she might well have replied, with Mae West, "Mother? I was never anybody's mother!" And, indeed, to her students and colleagues she was always much more like Auntie Mame, the sort of mad, unpredictable, immensely sympathetic figure who breezes in every now and then, unerringly isolates the distinctive quality of each youngster and finds the best way to make the most of it.

Even her dress sense was a little like that of those fabled aunts of Patrick Dennis and Graham Greene. She decided early on that she had neither the figure nor the natural elegance to rival the fashion plates she saw all round her. So she turned herself instead into a whirling blur of dirndls and tartans, brightly coloured scarves and wildly invendve costume jewellery. To her face, in school, she was always "Miss Pemberton" but behind her back she was most often "Polly," not only because of a slightly beaky profile but also because she flitted around rather as a brilliantly tropical bird might flash from tree to tree.

For all that, the flurry and good humour concealed a highly organised mind and a brilliantly intuitive grasp of human personality and potential. She might have seemed to exercise little formal discipline, but in the St Martin's School fashion design department she ran a very tight ship. Any student who interested her or seemed to have talent, however cunningly disguised, immediately got all the individual attention he or she needed.

This one might be painfully shy and tentative, in need of drawing out; that one might be bumptious, in need of slapping down. This one might be hopeless at drawing, but an absolute genius at draping fabric over a model. That one might never make a designer but be splendidly gifted at depicting or interpreting the designs of others. To each according to his need was Pemberton's rule of life.

The results of her teaching are self-evident in the careers of such designers as Bill Gibb and Bruce Oldfield, of Bjorn Lanberg, chief designer of the London House of Dior, and Bernard Nevill, professor of textiles at the Royal College of Art, of Ronald Wilson the ballet designer and Anne Boyd, for many years fashion editor of *The Observer*. But probably even more important was the pattern of fashion teaching she created, and even the idea of teaching it within an art school at all. By the end of the 1930s people were coming from all over the world to see exactly how it was done at St Martin's, and then going off to do likewise back home.

The way she arrived at this point was typical. When at the Royal College herself, studying painting, she decided that there was very little professional future in it (though she remained passionate about her painting throughout her life), determined that she wanted to study fashion — which no one then did — and marched into the office of the Professor of Design, Ernest Tristram (best known as the foremost authority on medieval English wall paintings) demanding to be let do it. He received the onslaught manfully, and told her that, if she could put together for herself a curriculum which would satisfy him, she would then be permitted to follow it.

This she did by proprosing a combination of direct contact, sketching and analysing with an actual couturier, learning the basic skills of cutting and sewing with a professional, and supplementing this with academic studies of the history of fashion and design at museums like the Victoria and Albert. This was accepted, she followed her programme all by herself, and in 1931 was granted the first ever Diploma in Fashion at the Royal College of Art.

She often wondered afterwards where she had found the sheer gall to push all this through at the age of 20. Probably ber background had something to do with it. She came of an artistic, if erradc, family in the Potteries: her father was a local photographer and early inventor of a one-camera stereoscopic process as well as a talented amateur painter. Her mother was an original designer of artistic and (in bad times) very economical clothes for ber children, made of all sorts of bizarre materials and exquisitely embroidered.

Muriel Pemberton and, right, her portrait of Bill Gibb

Pemberton and her brothers and sisters used to stage their own plays in the back garden, dressed and set by their mother and themselves, and no one seemed surprised when Pemberton, on impulse, went in for an entrance examinadon to Burslem Art School at the age of 14 and was given a three-year scholarship, making her the school's youngest entrant. She went on to win various national prizes, as well as local ones, and won a coveted scholarship to the Royal College of Art at the age of 18. She had good reason to be confident.

After leaving the RCA with her diploma she started teaching at the St Martin's School of Art two days a week, supplementing her earnings by teaching at the Katinka School of Cutting in Knightsbridge, and by drawing fashions for magazines and advertisements. Her teaching at the St Martin's grew and attracted more and more pupils. At first it was within the graphics department, but very shortly it burst forth to become a department in its own right.

And there, throughout the 1930s, Pemberton ran and developed the department as well as remaining a prolific artist herself (mainly in water colour) exhibiting regularly at the Royal Academy and designing cards for Fortnum's, fabrics for Liberty and stage costumes for C. B. Cochran. She also met at the St Martin's John Hadley Rowe, head of the graphics department, whom she married in 1941.

During the second world war the school was evacuated to Cambridge after which Pemberton entered her grandest period. Not only was she covering fashion regularly for the *News Chronicle*, including being one of the first visual correspondents to break the news of Dior's New Look in Britain, but she was running the fashion department completely as she wanted to, attracting the best students and turning out the best designers and illustrators.

She encouraged students to take note of abstract art (she was painting abstractions herself at this point) and to explore colour combination in a completely abstract way. She also made them sketch fashion directly in water colour washes, without preliminary line drawing, to capture the movement and immediacy. Her work was internationally recognised for its innovatory qualities.

When she retired in 1975, the year of her husband's death, only someone who did not know Pemberton very well would have expected her to settle down and cultivate her garden. (Even though the garden of their home near Hastings was one of her major delights.) Immediately sbe found herself teaching three days a week in Brighton and Hastings and painting more than ever. Honours came. She became a fellow of the Royal Watercolour Society and in 1984 was made a senior fellow of the Royal College of Art. Earlier this year she had a large-scale retrospective at the London gallery of Chris Beetles, coinciding with the publication of a first biography, and at its opening in June, though somewhat less mobile as a result of a mild stroke, was as lively and entertaining, as confident and crochety as ever.

PROFESSOR W. W. ROBSON

Professor William Wallace Robson, scholar and critic, died in Edinburgh on July 31 aged 70. He was born in Plymouth on June 20, 1923.

WALLACE ROBSON was one of the finest critics of his generation. He founded no schools and did not encourage passionate discipleship but — through his strenuous intelligence, teaching and writing — stimulated students and colleagues for over half-a-century.

William Wallace Robson attended Leeds Modern School before going up as a scholar to New College, Oxford, in 1941. He read English under the guidance of Lord David Cecil, for whom he retained a continuing affection, editing a volume of essays and poems in his honour in 1970. On graduating in 1944 with first-class honours Robson was appointed to an assistant lectureship at King's College, London. He returned to Oxford in 1946 as a lecturer and, from 1948, as tutorial fellow in English at Lincoln College.

Nowhere more at home than in Oxford, never happier than as a college tutor, Robson was a widely admired yet strongly independent figure within the English faculty. Recognising more swiftly than many of his colleagues the importance of new developments then overtaking the discipline in Cambridge and elsewhere, be negotiated the celebrated annual visits of F. R. Leavis to the Oxford Critical Society, of which he was president for many years. Through his personal contacts he also introduced undergraduates to a range of critical ideas not in wide currency in Oxford at that time.

In the early 1950s he helped F. W. Bateson to found the Oxford journal, *Essays in Criticism*, which sought to combine the critical boldness of Leavis's *Scrutiny* with the rigour of traditional Oxford scholarship and the lucid, at time irreverent, style of the new writing of the day (John Wain, Kingsley Amis and Philip Larkin being all associated with the journal in its earliest period). Later he strengthened his links with Cambridge English via *The Cambridge Quarterly*, of which he was a founding editor, and continued to encourage good criticism nearer to home through his association with *The Oxford Review*.

Tipped in the late 1960s as successor to Lord David Cecil as Goldsmiths' Professor of English Literature in Oxford, Robsoo moved instead in 1970 to a Chair at the University of Sussex. Two years later be was appointed to the Masson Chair of English Literature at the University of Edinburgh, remaining there until his retirement in 1990.

Though scarcely designed by nature as an academic administrator, Robson won the loyalty and affection of his department throughout the period of his chairmanship, often using to superb advantage the laconic phrase and telling judgment that be had so perfected in his critical writing.

His bealth deteriorated sharply in the years preceding and following his retirement but he retained to the last a keen interest in the work of friends and former colleagues both at home and abroad. Visiting appointments had taken him at different stages of his career to Southern California, to Adelaide, to Delaware, to Smith College and, in the early 1980s, back to New College, Oxford, and to All Souls. In his final weeks he was busy catching up with the work of Australian writers he had first encountered during his visit to the Antipodes nearly forty years earlier.

Wallace Robson's friends and former pupils will remember him seated placidly within the benign chaos of his study, books heaped tumultuously about his armchair and protruding at various angles from the shelves. He read widely and voraciously, yet with sharp discrimination. He could map a big field — as in his *Modern English Literature* (1970) and *Prologue to English Literature* (1986) — and, with the same directness, ponder a local problem, as he did memorably and repeatedly throughout his *Critical Essays* (1966).

He could balance severity and generosity with an almost Johnsonian skill. "Empson is paying Milton the highest compliment he can, when he tries to make Milton as clever as himself," wrote Robson in a review of William Empson's study, *Milton's God* — adding "But Empson's own work, in verse and prose, is a more convincing demonstration that it is possible for a mind to be subtle and devious, yet kind and honest." The humane swerve of this judgment is characterstic.

Robson's powerful dissection of the failings of C. S. Lewis — whom he characterised as sharing with W. H. Auden "a wish to be reborn as Beatrix Potter in some other phase of the moon" — needs likewise to be read against his subsequent and more yielding account of Lewis's later work: "In both the old and modern senses of the word," wrote Robson, "he was a truly magnanimous man". It is not a bad phrase by which to remember Wallace Robson himself.

He worked hard in his final months, completing his volume of *Critical Enquiries* (published this year by Athlone Press), and finalising his *Oxford History of English Literature, 1890-1950*, and his edition of *The Oxford Book of Edwardian Verse*, as well as a number of Sherlock Holmes and Father Brown volumes which will appear in the World's Classics series.

He is survived by his wife Anne and two sons.

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ALI AGHASSI

Ali Aghassi, former United Nations diplomat, died in San Diego, California, on July 19 aged 82. he was born in Khoy, Iran.

ALI AGHASSI served in the late 1950s and early 1960s as the personal representative of the UN secretary general. For a time, he was nominally in command of all UN and United States forces in Korea.

An immigrant to America from Iran, Aghassi arrived when he was 18 and worked first as a bus boy. After obtaining his bachelor's degrees in agronomy and petroleum economics at Colorado State College and at the University of North Carolina, he became a PhD candidate in international law and relations at the University of Chicago, specialising in Islamic civilisation.

During the second world war he served with the US Office of War Information and afterwards joined the newly formed United Nations in the Food and Agricultural Organisation.

In the UN secretariat, Aghassi, who spoke five languages, served on the Kashmir Commission that halted the war between India and Pakistan in 1948 and as the assistant director of the UN Commission in Zambia when it became independent in 1964. He also directed the efforts of the UN Industrial Development Organisation in Pakistan in 1970 retiring five years later.

In his spare time Aghassi was a prize-winning photographer and accomplished flautist.

He is survived by his wife, Shahrbanou, three sons and a daughter.

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The situation had its origins in the Great Famine of 1845-9 which drove thousands of starving and destitute Irish peasants to emigrate. Those who could not afford the passage to the New World crossed to Britain, Liverpool in particular; in two days in February 1847 more than 3,000 landed there.

IRISH IMMIGRATION

FACTS AND FEARS IN LIVERPOOL

BY A CORRESPONDENT

A situation has developed in South-West Lancashire which is of more than local interest. Since the Irish famine in the forties of last century there has been an almost continuous stream of migration into this district from all parts of Ireland, but especially from the South. The Irish peasant marries comparatively late in life. But his family is usually a large one and the number of births in the island has steadily exceeded the number of deaths. In Southern Ireland there have hitherto been few industries to absorb those who can find no employment on the land. These have therefore been forced to seek a livelihood outside their country. So they flow into this country with undiminished hope of employment, though casual and unskilled labour is here no longer in demand. In the Liverpool and Bootle area there are still 91,000 unemployed . . .

A special calculation was made of the number of persons entering the Port of Liverpool from all parts of Ireland during the years 1927-29, excluding those who were going abroad *via* Liverpool. The figures were supplied by the Irish Government department and the shipping companies concerned. The annual average for these three years was estimated at 6,000, of which 5,200 came from the Irish Free State. It is not possible to say how many of these passed on to other parts of England and Wales, but it has been calculated that a large proportion stayed in Liverpool, where it is claimed that the Irish element already amounts to not much less than 200,000—nearly a quarter of the total population of that city. Many of them are penniless when they arrive and must depend on charity till they can find work and so qualify for insurance benefit, and then for public assistance.

In 1931 the Society of St Vincent de Paul issued circulars to their Irish branches urging that no more seekers for work be sent to Liverpool, but without effect. In course of time they are supplied with subsidized houses, education, hospital treatment and other public services. It has been truly said that Ireland has discovered how to make England pay for its poor. An analysis has been made of the total amount of public assistance distributed in Liverpool during three recent years. It was found that a yearly average of 87 per cent was spent on people of Irish extraction, some of whom were born in Liverpool, while others were of recent arrival. The question is often asked why migrants who became chargeable to public funds should not be returned to their own countries. The answer is that our agreement with the Dominions in regard to migration are all unilateral. They can send back immigrants from Great Britain who cannot support themselves, but this country cannot do likewise. It may be that this generous policy in the long run is good for the Empire. But it is seldom realized that Liverpool and Glasgow are paying a heavy price for it.

Outlook is bleak at rainy resorts

The capricious British summer has hit the West Country and boosted bookings for foreign holidays. **Harvey Elliott** offers a weather forecast for the industry

Britain's soggy summer has brought a smile to the face of travel agents and tour operators who are sending record numbers of families abroad — but gloom for those providing the traditional seaside holiday at home.

Almost from the day schools broke up for the summer holidays, skies turned leaden and the rain poured down, particularly in Devon and Cornwall. Forecasters say unsettled weather will continue, until at least this weekend. It may be too late to salvage yet another disappointing summer for thousands of businesses and individuals who rely on the peak months of July and August for their profits.

Many guest houses and hotels in the English Riviera — Paignton, Brixham and Torquay — are still showing vacancy signs. Of those visitors who have taken up reservations in Torquay, two weeks of sheltering from the rain under the palm trees on the seafront may well deter them from ever returning.

Those waiting for signs of a good summer before they book their break are more likely to opt for a last-minute flight to foreign sunshine — a move which will be boosted by this week's devaluation of such currencies as the peseta and the escudo.

The perseverance of holiday makers who fill the same family hotels in the West Country every year was partly rewarded last weekend when, after 19 days of rain and twice the July-average rainfall, the sun shone briefly. Tens of thousands of others who had waited until the last moment before deciding where to go had already chosen resorts in the Mediterranean or elsewhere abroad.

Richard Bowden-Doyle, marketing director of Lunn Poly, Britain's biggest travel agency chain, said that since July, bookings abroad were about 10 per cent up on the same period last year, which has resulted in fewer price reductions than in previous years. Thomas Cook said that its shops were reporting an increase of up to 40 per cent in the number of people asking about last-minute foreign holidays.

Keith Waller, marketing director of the tour operator Enterprise, said that after a last-minute rush, twice as many families with small children were going abroad as went last summer. "Most of our flights are virtually full," he said. "Parents are obviously choosing foreign holidays at the last moment because they know that the sun will shine."

The trend is worrying for many in Britain's domestic tourist industry, which is struggling to come out of a recession during which hundreds of hotels and tourist ventures have gone out of business.

Mike Weaver, the deputy director of the West Country Tourist Board, admitted the bad weather had had a profound effect on the industry. "It is the touring campsites and the bed-and-breakfasts that are losing their trade because of the weather. Bad weather means that those who have come here regardless, sometimes leave earlier than planned, and restaurants and tourist attractions therefore lose some business."

Dominic Houston, a tourism market analyst, said that the bad weather could affect West Country resorts next year, too. "People will be leaving early after having a week or two or rain, and they are the ones who will not return," he said. "Visitors who stay at the same family hotels every year don't seem to mind the weather. The British are fixated by the weather and its unpredictability provides a good source of conversation in the hotel breakfast room."

For Terry Page and his wife Valerie, who have run the 14-bed Morningside Hotel in Torquay, for seven years, bookings are down because of the weather. Looking out of the hotel on miles of white, sandy — and empty — coastline, Mr Page, said: "We have a lot to offer in terms of sand and sea but h is the sun tourists are after. People are booking later and who can blame them? A lot of them are booking in the week that they actually go on holiday. It is frustrating because there are a lot of attractions and a lot to do even if the weather is bad and people do get value from family-run hotels.'

Neville Ledward, proprietor of the Clovelly Guest House, in Torquay, said: "Fewer people are booking for one or two-week holidays because of the weather. We are picking up passing trade and catering for people or are staying for a night or two, but it is hard work. Last weekend was not disastrous, but if the weather does not improve, even those coming for a few days will be put off."

For some, however, the rain has been a boon. John Powe, manager of Kent's Cavern, a subterranean tourist attraction in Torquay, said the rain had swept the punters off the beaches and into his cave. He said: "The figures are up on last year. Families are looking for more to do rather than hang around on rain-swept beaches, and although the resort does not have the numbers of people it had years ago, overcast or dull weather definitely improves our business."

The London Weather Centre offers little hope for the immediate future. "The changeable pattern looks like continuing for some time," a forecaster said.

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All at sea: Torquay fears that even visitors who have shown dedication in the face of indifferent weather may consider going abroad next year

Italians step up security

Tourists in Italy face unprecedented security checks after last week's bombs which killed five people and injured 30 in Milan and Rome.

Signor Nicola Mancino, Italy's interior minister, this week declared a state of maximum alert for troops and police forces and appealed for public vigilance, fearing more attacks at the height of the August holiday season when most businesses shut for the month.

Passport controls in stations, ports and airports have been stepped up for foreigners. *Carabinieri* patrols have been intensified on country roads, where drivers can be asked to pull in for spot checks. Train and ferry passengers may also find themselves subject to mid-journey controls if Signor Mancino accedes to state railway demands orders increased policing of trains and boats.

Investigators have established definite links between the new attacks and the bomb which killed five people at the Uffizi Gallery in Florence in May.

Tourist venues pose the immediate security problem. In Venice this week, museum-goers were being body-searched. In Bologna, barriers went up around major monuments and no-parking measures were introduced. In Florence, where an electronic surveillance grid is being installed, undisclosed interim steps were taken to carry the city through to October, when the system is due to be activated.

On alert: Italian troops

Comprehensive protection, in a country which the Michelin Guide calls "the mother of the arts", would be practically impossible short of calling out the army.

Aware that what he called "authoritarian solutions" would play into the hands of the bombers, Signor Mancino told a summit of police chiefs: "We must guarantee that democratic rules are respected and ensure that Italians' widespread desire for change should not be manipulated by hidden reactionary forces."

Despite the bombings, tourists have remained loyal to Italy. There has been no appreciable downturn in the number of visitors, and holidaying Britons are finding it especially good value. Both the pound and the lira left the EC exchange-rate mechanism together last September and exchange rates between the two currencies have been stable. Elsewhere on the Continent, the holiday pound is buying up to a fifth less than at the same time last year.

A tourist board spokesman in Florence said: "We have to apologise for any inconvenience the new security measures impose on people. In fact, they are no more than what became commonplace during the Gulf war or what the British are used to suffering at home."

TONY ROCCA

Keeping an eye on the passport

Information is not immediately visible on the new computerised EC documents

Holidaymakers with a new burgundy-coloured European Community passport were warned this week that they could find themselves using the wrong one.

The problem was highlighted by the example of a Scottish tourist on holiday in Portugal who left his passport — as most foreign guests are required to do — with a hotel reception desk, which then apparently lost it.

Although the holidaymaker was eventually able to obtain a replacement from the British consulate in Faro, the delay prevented him from hiring a car to drive into Spain.

Meanwhile, his passport had been picked up by a woman tourist from Bolton, who did not notice that she had the wrong one and used it to leave Portugal and arrive back in Britain without anyone noticing.

The old dark blue passport has the owner's name and the passport number on the cover. This is easily checked by reception clerks, the owner and immigration officials.

The new, smaller passport with its standardised colour and format for all European Community citizens does not have the owner's name on the front, but on the inside back page.

Mandy Peacock, of Sibbald Travel in Leith, to whom the mistake was first reported, said: "This complaint took us by surprise, but in hindsight is so obvious that it is clearly important to warn clients to take extra care with the new passports."

The computerised passports were first introduced in 1988 and so far about ten million have been issued. Within two years there will be more Britons travelling on the new passports than on the old.

A spokesman for the Association of British Travel Agents, said: "Most people have to hand over their passports on arrival at a hotel. If there is a group or a lot of people checking in at any one time, it is now easy for a mistake to be made and the wrong passport to be handed back.

"It was easy to spot such an error with an old passport but to do so now, the back page has to be opened and the details checked in a much more complicated way. It is essential that travellers ensure that they have the correct passport."

HARVEY ELLIOTT

Is it worth paying a surcharge to fly from a regional airport?

Cheaper nearer London

As people fly off in search of the sun this week, many will find that they have paid a surcharge for travelling from their local airport.

Using a Horizon brochure as an example, and Palma as a typical holiday destination, flight supplements can range from £11 out of Bristol to £33 from Glasgow.

Airlines say that the further one goes from the London airports, the higher the cost of fuel and that a £30 surcharge from Manchester for an extra hour of flight is about right. The customer can choose to pay a higher price from a local gateway or the cost of travelling south with parking, petrol and perhaps overnight accommodation.

Leslie Wilson, the Bristol airport director, believes that the flight supplement charge out of his airport equals or beats the cost of driving to Gatwick for a flight without a surcharge.

He points out that in a free market, all airports can charge airlines whatever landing fees they like to maintain profits. Like most airport managers, however, he laments the absence of a national airports policy and believes that BAA, which owns the big London airports, dominates to the detriment of the smaller airports. "But, in a free market, why should it boost regional airports? We could match the fees and charges at London's airports if we wished to reduce or lose our profits," he said.

Landing fees for an aircraft of about the size of a Boeing 737 twin jet are £650 at Bristol against £417 at Heathrow. The difference stems from traffic volume, which dictates both pricing and choice.

Passengers from regional airports may have the convenience — at a premium — of flying to popular resorts such as as the Costa del Sol, but they are unlikely to find direct services to smaller Greek islands or Indian Ocean points.

BAA, in long-term forecasts, believes that regional airports will grow faster than its own major gateways — up to 6 per cent per year against 4 per cent a year for Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted.

Richard Gooding, the Luton airport director, claims that Stansted is stealing business from rival airports by under-pricing by as much as 50 per cent.

BAA denies this and points out that the three southeast airports under its control are regulated by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) to cut prices by a complicated pricing formula. Arguments will continue until October, when the CAA will hear Luton airport's complaint against Stansted.

CHRISTOPHER LOCKWOOD

Huge waste of paper

THE travel industry throws away about 40 per cent of the 120 million holiday brochures printed each year, with many being dumped unopened in bins and skips, according to a report published this week, *Marianne Curphey writes.*

Green Flag Internatiooal, formed in 1990 with the help of tour operators concerned about environmental issues, says the brochure industry is "extremely wasteful", and estimates that it uses the equivalent of a million trees each year.

Production costs are £86.5 million a year, with two brochures produced for each person in Britain. For every booking, there is a brochure cost of £20 which is then passed on to the tourist.

Only 10 per cent of UK tour operators use recycled paper or soluble inks, and nearly two-thirds of the 30 travel agents questioned said they disposed of excess brochures in council bins or skips.

Off to Paris for le weekend

ARMCHAIR Tours (081-560 8888) has put together a Paris long weekend by coach leaving on August 20 at a cost of £79 per person, including accommodation and a 10 per cent discount voucher for the Printemps store.

FLYAWAYS

☐ SEVEN nights accompanied walking in the Wicklow Mountains in Ireland, from September 4, costs £415 a person with Waymark Holidays (0753 516477). Various routes, including one along the Wicklow Way, are offered. The price includes transport in connection with the walking and half-board farmhouse accommodation, plus a daily packed lunch.

☐ EXPLORE Worldwide (0252 319448) offers a tour of the land of the Aztecs, visiting Mexico, Guatemala and Belize. Included is a road and river-boat journey through tropical forests to Guatemala. The tour, with hotel accommodation, costs £1,318 for the 18-day trip.

☐ HAYES and Jarvis Travel (081-748 5050) has packages to Kenya with seven nights half-board for £449 staying at the Shelly Beach Hotel in Mombasa, departing on August 15, 22, and 29 from Gatwick or Manchester. Also available are departures from Heathrow to South Africa on Saturdays until the end of September. A 13-night half-board tour, with safari, costs £1,669, a saving of up to £300 on the brochure price.

☐ ARTS Arena (071-487 4684) is introducing theatre and music tours for small groups. The debut tour is a five-day holiday to Paris and Champagne in October, including a visit to the ballet at the Opera de Paris Garnier, a champagne cellar tour and museum visits.

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Tumbling air fares put squeeze on bucket shops

With prices at a ten-year low, passengers are being encouraged to shun under-the-counter tickets

Scheduled air fares — especially across the Atlantic — are at their lowest in real terms for ten years, making "bucket shop" tickets often unnecessary, according to associations representing the travel industry.

Airlines and high street travel agents are all selling economy class tickets at rock bottom prices, undercutting "consolidators" who dominated the cut-price air ticket market in the 1980s.

"Airlines fares are low because the airlines are hurting. I have never known them so low in ten years," says Guy Novik, chief executive of USAirtours, which as a member of Abta is internationally recognised and fully protected against failure. It specialises in flights to America.

Mr Novik says: "Normally, July and August prices are sacrosanct even if airlines get caned for the rest of the year. Consolidators are used to making decent mark-ups at this time but now seats are being dumped. The punters have never had a better time."

The entry of retail chains such as Lunn Poly and Thomas Cook into the air ticket market have hurt the consolidators. The chains buy large numbers of tickets direct from the airlines, Mr Novik says.

Many passengers are still, however, likely to hear of "Harry's" bucket shop, which claims it cannot be beaten on price. When the transaction works, nearly everybody is happy. The airline fills an otherwise empty seat, "Harry" earns his mark-up and the customer gets a bargain.

There are hundreds of "Harrys" up and down the country who have access to cheap tickets but who are not members of a trade body and therefore not protected against failure. They also have no legal responsibility and can leave their customers out of pocket.

The whole system is, in fact, technically illegal. Under the 1985 Aviation Act, airlines have to file all fares for scheduled international flights with the Civil Aviation Authority. Faced with half-empty planes, however, many appoint middle-men as consolidators to sell off unsold seats at unapproved prices within 30 days of travel. The CAA knows what is happening but, given the government's commitment to deregulation and competition, it has no incentive to police the law.

"Bucket shops' fares are not filed with us and if airlines sell below approved fares, that is an arrangement the airlines make with retailers. We are not going to stand in the way of people getting a good deal," the CAA says.

The airlines usually ask only that they receive an agreed minimum fare from the consolidators. Airlines will not disclose who their consolidators are and, more importantly, will often not ask who they are selling to.

That is where problems may arise. For there will probably be no written contracts because, ultimately, there can be no contract when the system itself is illegal.

When "Harry", who is not a member of Abta, goes broke, the customer will not receive a refund unless a ticket has been issued or there has been proof of payment. If Harry was going bust, it is unlikely, however, he would even have paid the airline.

A BA spokesman could only confirm that the airline would honour tickets that had been issued or where there was proof of payment. If, however, the ticket had been were bought from an Abta or Iata agent, the money paid would have been protected by the agent until a ticket had been issued — when a contract would exist with the airline.

The police, trading standard officers, Abta and Iata, the airline association, offer the same advice to travellers: buy direct from an airline for a scheduled flight or from an Abta/Iata agent. Abta says: "There is no point in taking a risk when you don't have to."

☐ Cathay Pacific Airways is turning to the railways to provide domestic feeder services for its international flights from European cities to Hong Kong, *John Young writes*. "Rail-fly" arrangements are already in operation in Germany and France, and the airline hopes shortly to conclude formal marketing arrangements with Deutsches Bundesbahn and SNCF.

The move has been prompted by its inability to find a European partner that does not also compete with it on international flights. Airlines such as Lufthansa and Swissair have an effective monopoly in the provision of domestic flights to link up with their international services to and from Frankfurt and Zurich, says Graham Carder, Cathay's marketing and sales manager for Europe.

In Britain, the position is more flexible because of greater domestic competion, and the promised new rail link to Heathrow, together with improved services to and from Gatwick and Manchester, which should offer travellers still more choice.

Mr Carder admits that there is resistance from passengers on long-haul flights to beginning and ending their journeys by rail. "But in the longer term you do not have to be clairvoyant to see that with new high speed trains and shorter journey times the railways will play a bigger part," he says. The day when long-distance passengers check in for flights at railway stations may be nearer than we think.

STEVE KEENAN

Dying for a drink?

Tap water quality in resorts is under scrutiny, writes **Marianne Curphey**

The World Health Organisation (WHO) is to compile its first report on the quantity and quality of water — for drinking and bathing — in European holiday resorts. At present, visitors to much of Europe and North Africa have no way of finding out whether the water at their resort is officially safe to drink.

The move follows growing worries that some developing tourist areas lack adequate supplies of drinkable tap water and that pollution in some seas can damage health.

This week a *Holiday Which?* survey found that five Italian beaches it tested were highly polluted by illegal sewage. A popular beach in Crete was also cootamioated. Spain's beaches were cleanest.

The magazine says that checks required by the European Commission are "suspect" because governments compile the results and many "bend the rules".

The WHO acted after it discovered that in parts of Spain tap water tastes so bad that it is almost impossible to drink, and in other parts of the region it may prove a long-term hazard. In much of Algeria, for example, the nitrate levels in the water are worryingly high.

Although the European Commission publishes results of its bathing-water surveys, information on drinking-water quality across Europe will not be available until 1996, when governments will have to publish details. The WHO found that some eastern Mediterranean regions — the Black Sea, for example — had water that was drinkable but unavailable.

The WHO's "Recreational Guidelines" will be used to evaluate the potential of beaches and resorts, and highlight areas where tourism development may cause serious damage.

Areas will be tested not only for the water's bacterial content, but also for sanitary facilities, the risk factor for sunbathing, the organisation of waste and garbage facilities, food outlets and the quality of a region as a resort: is the beach sandy and gently sloping or is it steep and covered in stones and spiny sea urchins? Fresh and sea water will be examined for visible matter, oil, scum, colour and odour.

Authorities and owners of beaches should be put under an obligation to inform bathers about the safety and cleanliness of beaches, the WHO says. Dr Bent Fenger, water and waste scientist at the WHO European Centre for Environment and Health, in Rome, said: "It will be a very comprehensive survey, and is necessary because there have never been relevant statistics for planners, holidaymakers and governments.

"The WHO does oot have statutory powers to enforce improvements in areas of low water quality or sanitation, but we hope our recommendations will be taken up."

An Economic Intelligence Unit report predicts that water supply will become the single most important environmental issue for Mediterranean countries, particularly their coasts, over the next decade. The unit says: "Tourism brings with it strong competition for fresh water, already often restricted in some of the southern states, such as Cyprus and Malta."

WHO's report, to be published in time for the summer season next year, assesses the health risk at sites for people who come into contact with seawater and freshwater for longer periods than bathers, including surfers, scuba divers, windsurfers, waterskiers, canoeists and anglers.

Meanwhile, a project has started to limit the damage to marine life from sewage and pollution at coastal resorts. One of the most serious problems is in the Italian Adriatic, where algal blooms have made it physically impossible to enter the water because their growth is so thick.

A team consisting of experts from the World Bank, the European Investment Bank, the United Nations Development Programme and the European Community established a programme in 1990 to limit environmental damage by research.

Many of the projects on the Mediterranean Environmental Technical Assistance Programme are closely related to tourism development, and involve schemes to recycle water and improve the quality of both fresh and sea water.

David Churchill reports on how the Midwest floods have hit the tourist industry

KATZ PICTURES

Have suitcase will travel: a man wades through a flooded field, usually used for Girl Guide camps, in Missouri. No litter, says the sign

Shucks, even Mark Twain is laid up

Tour operators and travel agents next month travel to Detroit, Michigan, for a worldwide marketing conference to promote the tourism potential of the Great Lakes — ironically at the same time getting a view of the impact of America's new "sixth" great lake, the Midwest flooding that has left many dead or homeless and hit both business and tourism.

For the Great Lakes the floods could not have come at a worse time. Much of the worst of the flooding has hit the area just south of the lakes and well within the potential international tourism catchment area it hoped to develop.

Paula Hunt-Robison, the marketing director for the consortium of Great Lake states seeking to boost tourist arrivals, this week put a brave face on the disaster.

"As far as we're concerned, it's business as usual here," she says. "Illinois, Minnesota and Wisconsin are the Great Lakes states most affected by the floods, but even there *tourism has not suffered* badly."

Yet nightly television images shown worldwide of people struggling to survive the floods has taken its toll on travellers who would have been visiting the area. Cancellations are commonplace.

"It's a classic battle between perception and reality," explains Nancy Milton from the St Louis Visitor Commission. "A visitor can still do everything he or she would normally do in St Louis — like ride to the top of the Gateway Arch or see the zoo. The only thing not available are riverboat sightseeing cruises."

North of St Louis at Mark Twain's boyhood town of Hannibal, Missouri, the Mississippi riverboat bearing his name is beached and the town empty of tourists. Marjorie Beenders, Missouri's tourism director, blames the adverse media coverage for a drop in visitors, who normally bring the state some $7.8 billion a year in revenue.

British tour operators report that the floods have had little impact on most travellers' holiday plans. "The areas affected are not a major tourist destination for Britons, so there are no problems with bookings," says Joho Standley, the marketing director of the specialist American operator Jetsave. "But obviously we are advising our clients to avoid the areas affected by the floods."

Brian Booker, the product manager of Unijet Americas, says that the "floods have affected the fly-drive market, and those who were previously considering this area are likely to go elsewhere in America".

One travel agent, however, suggests that the floods might be a draw in themselves. "When there was the hurricane in Florida last year, a lot of British tourists went out of their way to view the devastation," he says.

The Foreign Office is not including the Midwest floods in its advice to travellers as it says they do not pose "a threat to safety".

Richard Bowden-Doyle, Lunn Poly's marketing director, says that "when a customer wants to visit the affected areas we first call the airline for the most up-to-date information. We then advise clients to *call the airline the day* before their flight to see if there are any changes."

TWA, which flies into St Louis, says that the worst affected area is Des Moines and it is not advising passengers to take accommodation in that area. United Airlines, which flies into Des Moines, says it has had no problems with flights.

British holidaymakers travelling across America by train, however, may face some problems with Amtrak reporting lengthy delays and detours; although the situation is changing rapidly. However, travellers will probably have to wait until they arrive in the United States for the most reliable information on train delays.

Travellers to the southern states through which the Mississippi flows — especially Louisiana — are unlikely to be affected by the floods. River experts there say that the Mississippi becomes deeper and wider as it flows towards the Gulf of Mexico and can handle greater volumes of water than higher up.

TRAVELOGS

Down to basics

NUDITY patrols have started at one of Europe's biggest naturist colonies — to ensure that people take off their clothes. "Strip off or clear off," non-conformists are being told at Cap d'Agde, near Montpellier, in France, where up to 20,000 nudists occupy a *quartier naturiste* by the sea.

Genuine naturists have been affronted by clothed people taking advantage of the beach road passing through the colony, paying £1.20 a day if they are on foot or £5 per car load. Anyone insisting on wearing even a bathing costume now risks being asked to strip off.

Not so lonely

LONELY Planet, the guidebook publisher that launched thousands of backpackers oo the world, celebrates its 20th anniversary this year with a foray into Europe.

The company (081-742 3161) has sold 30,000 copies of its guide to Western Europe since its release six mooths ago. It has also launched seven city guides, designed to shed its hippy image, aimed at the holidaymaker and business traveller.

Really wild

ONE of the world's biggest wild flower shows, Flora '93, is being staged in Cape Town, South Africa, on September 10-15. The exhibition takes place only every five years. South African Tourism Board (081-944 6646).

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Kingdom aims to draw crowds

Bears, pot-belly pigs and golf are some of the many attractions of Fife

HERCULES, the film-star bear who went missing for 24 days, will be back "on stage" and attracting the crowds to Letham Glen, Leven, Fife, on Tuesday.

He escaped while taking part in a film shoot on the Hebridean island of Benbecula, off the west coast of Scotland. Andy and Maggie Robin, his adoptive "parents", were extremely concerned and, for a time, feared the worst.

Hercules, now 17, is, however, alive and well and ready to make yet another appearance with the Robins at a venue which, although not quite Hollywood, the scene of so many of his triumphs in the past, is still expected to entice thousands who remember him from countless appearances in television advertisements.

He is just one of the many attractions being actively exploited by tourist chiefs in the Kingdom of Fife. In the ancient kingdom's Kirkcaldy district, tankers trudge up and down the Firth of Forth, and some beaches are speckled, a reminder of the old coal industry. Now, Kirkcaldy is looking for better times ahead.

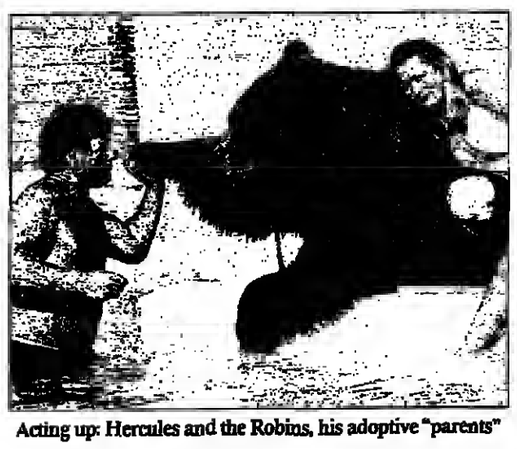
One of Scotland's oldest burghs, once renowned for its linoleum and, more recently, the exploits of last year's Scottish first division football champions, Raith Rovers, Kirkcaldy town lies less than an hour's drive from Edinburgh across the Forth Bridge.

Kirkcaldy district stretches along the coast southwest to Kinghorn and Burntisland and northeast to Buckhaven, Methil and Leven.

Inland, Balbirnie House at Markinch, Glenrothes, is set in 416 acres of well-manicured grounds and where a four-poster suite costs £225 per night.

Further north, is Auchtermuchty, the fictional home of television's *Dr Finlay*. Filming starts again in "Tannochbrae" later this year.

The Scottish Deer Centre, near Cupar, and the mini-farm on the Silverburn Estate, outside Leven, which features Shetland ponies and Vietnamese pot-belly pigs, provide entertainment for the children. Sporting pursuits in the region include Robin Shedden's clay pigeon shooting complex at Cluny, near Kirkcaldy, which is supplemented by quad bike and pilot off-road racing.



Acting up: Hercules and the Robins, his adoptive "parents"

AND, of course, there is the golf. Parachute into the Kingdom of Fife and you are likely to land on a fairway, with the northeast pocket of St Andrews the jewel in the crown, even though its British Golf Museum resembles Lenin's tomb. The world-renowned Old Course heads the five links of St Andrews. Golfers hoping to play there have to put their names forward for the daily ballot. The successful then have to pay a £40 green fee. Even Sean Connery had to trust to luck on a recent trip.

Away from the greens, St Andrews wallows in its heritage with its cathedral, castle ruins and the third oldest university in Britain.

The Sea Life Centre and East Neuk fishing villages of Crail and Anstruther highlight the area's strong maritime roots. Pat Reilly's fresh crab and lobster in Crail; the Scottish Fisheries Museum and old North Carr lightship in Anstruther are further examples of Fife's attractions.

RUSSELL KEMPSON

Opera at Longleat

FOR the second year running the grounds of Loogleat House, in Wiltshire, have been the setting for a series of open-air classical music concerts, *Marianne Curphey writes*.

The new Marquess of Bath, who inherited the estate last year on the death of his father, is developing the business side of the stately home, and has plans for more concerts and a 600-villa development by Centre Parcs.

He now runs both the house and the safari park — previously the two operations were separate — oo the 9,300 acre estate which attracts 500,000 tourists every year.

His land agent, Tim Moore, said: "Money from visitors to the house covers the cost of upkeep, but does not pay for major repair work necessary every 20 to 30 years. The summer concerts are a small but growing part of the business and Lord Bath is very well aware of how such ventures can be developed."

On August 14, Lord Bath will be hosting an opera gala for up to 3,000 people. They will hear the Anvil Chorus, Nessun Dorma and excerpts from the *Barber of Seville*. The evening will round off with a fireworks display.

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NEWS

Serbs claim conquest of mountain

■ Serb forces defied the threat of a Nato bombardment and advanced on a vital mountain to the southeast of Sarajevo. The Bosnian Serb commander suggested that all of Mount Igman was under his control.

President Izetbegovic, who has boycotted the Geneva talks for three days, plans to see the UN mediators Lord Owen and Thorvald Stoltenberg today .... Pages 1, 9

Mental patients will be closely watched

■ Tighter controls over the release of patients from mental hospitals are to be announced following a series of random killings and attacks by patients with schizophrenia. There will better supervision and tracking of patients and the appointment of a key worker to ensure patients turn up for treatment and take their drugs .... Page 1

Cancer risk

Cancer patients treated in the north are suffering worse side effects than patients in the south because consultants are giving them higher doses of radiotherapy over a shorter period to save resources .... Page 1

Graduate debt

Bailiffs have been called in for the first time to recover student loans from graduates .... Page 2

Enquiry rejected

The government again rejected demands for a full public enquiry into the death of Joy Gardner, the Jamaican woman who collapsed while being served with a deportation order, to the undisguised anger of Afro-Caribbean community leaders .... Page 3

Fatal obsession

A car salesman who became obsessed with a customer and murdered her when she rejected him was jailed for at least 20 years. Winston Goulbourne, 25, tampered with Gillian Bennett's car in order to see her .... Page 3

Reclusive Delors

The ERM crisis has turned Jacques Delors, the European Commission president, into a recluse who is all but inaudible among European leaders. Page 8

Seaside damage

Weston-super-Mare has taken stock of a study of the architectural ravages of the past 30 years — and does not like what has happened .... Page 5

On the run

About 25 inmates a month abscond from an open jail in Lancashire. Many make visits to secret locations to pick up smuggled goods .... Page 6

Garage tricksters

Motorists are losing hundreds of millions of pounds a year to shoddy garages. *Which?* reveals that garages are allowing cars that could be "seriously unsafe" to pass the MoT test .... Page 7

Yeltsin defiant

President Yeltsin denied rumours that his health was failing and pledged that his reforms would continue despite the uncertainty sown by the central bank's currency reform .... Page 9

Brutal message

Khmer Rouge guerrillas have launched brutal attacks with the apparent aim of killing and injuring Cambodians to drive home the message that they must have a government role .... Page 11

Decisive vote

On the eve of two cliffhanger votes in Congress on President Clinton's $496 billion package to reduce the deficit, Senator Dennis DeConcini of Arizona became America's most pampered and powerful politician .... Page 10

Brothel admission

Japan admitted for the first time that the imperial army forced women to serve in "comfort stations" — military brothels — during the 1930s and 1940s ... Page 11

Quantock staghounds at bay

■ The future of the Quantock Staghounds, one of only three red deer hunts in Britain, is under threat after Somerset County Council voted to ban hunting with hounds on a vital 140-acre strip of land. Anti-hunt protesters outside the Shire Hall in Taunton cheered when it was announced that the motion had been carried by 28 votes to 22 .... Page 4

Wedding party: 30,000 ultra-orthodox Jews celebrated "the wedding of the century" in Jerusalem when the son of their leader, Belzer Rabbi Yisrael Dov Rokeah, married a seminary student. The couple had met only once before — at their engagement celebration

BUSINESS

Society marriage: Two of Britain's top ten building societies, the Leeds Permanent and National and Provincial, are set to merge creating the third largest society after the Halifax and Nationwide ... Page 21

Lloyd's shake-up: The number of syndicates on the Lloyd's insurance market is expected to plummet by up to one third next year putting further strain on the financially troubled market .... Page 21

Markets: The FT-SE 100 Index slipped 3.7 to close at 2941.3 ending a run of nine consecutive gains. The pound's index slipped from 81.8 to 81.7, falling from $1.5045 to $1.5013 but rising from DM2.5647 to DM2.5702 .... Page 24

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Cricket: Michael Atherton's first job as England captain will be to decide whether Alec Stewart or Jack Russell will keep wicket in the fifth Test. Russell was added to the Test party when Stewart reported renewed pain from the ribs he injured in a fall .... Page 40

Swimming: Robert Morgan, of Wales, failed to take the gold medal in the highboard event at the European championships at Sheffield by only 0.03 points .... Page 35

Yachting: The Royal Ocean Racing Club is to attempt to revive interest in offshore racing by introducing the Mumm 36 as one of three yachts to be raced by each team at the Admiral's Cup .... Page 40

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Moveable property? Unlike the real mother faced by Solomon, the biological parents of Jessica DeBoer have no qualms about damage. Kate Muir on the rights of American children .... Page 12

Walking the dog: "The benefits of nothing more showy than a good brisk walk in the afternoon persist into the following day." Dr Thomas Stuttaford on exercise .... Page 13

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Holiday forecast: The wet summer has pleased the travel agents and tour operators who are sending record numbers abroad, but has brought gloom to traditional British seaside resorts .... Page 18

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Talking cats and mice: Blasphemy! Tom and Jerry talk in a new film of their knockabout antics. And they sing! The other big new movie is scarcely more sophisticated: *Teenage Ninja Turtles III* .... Page 29

Stunning debut: Yakov Kreizberg, has made an electrifying first appearance at the *Proms*. Hilary Finch sees "a young man at the height of his powers" .... Page 30

Centre stage in New York: Following in the legendary Joe Papp's footsteps is not easy: his successor as boss of the New York Public Theater lasted just 20 months. Now, George C. Wolfe has promised to revitalise an ailing institution .... Page 31

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The Queen Mother was greeted by 1,000 well-wishers outside Clarence House when she acknowledged their congratulations on her 93rd birthday Pages 1, 3

Pat Robertson, the American evangelist, whose *Family Channel* promises clean fun when it begins via the Astra satellite next month, Page 6

Morihiro Hosokawa, successor of feudal lords, will be Japan's prime minister at the head of a coalition that has beaten the Liberal Democrats. Page 11

THE TIMES TOMORROW

Powell and the power of words

■ Valerie Grove interviews the persuasive and lucid Enoch Powell, recently voted the most well-spoken man in Britain, about words

Travelling hopefully

■ The season's most popular question is asked just as the car turns out of the drive. Kevin Eason reflects on the plaintive: "Are we nearly there yet?"

Motown? Are they still here?

■ Polygram has bought one of the world's most famous record labels. But does "Motown" mean just nostalgic memories?

TV LISTINGS

An "investigative writer" goes in search of the Ark of the Covenant from its last known resting place in Jerusalem to an Ethiopian chapel. *Voyager: Raider of the Lost Ark* (ITV, 7.30 pm) .... Page 39

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Comfort women

The coalition which takes over the government of Japan today has promised a new beginning. It could start with compensation for the women whose sufferings Japan has too long hidden under the name of "comfort" .... Page 15

Condon's community

By recognising the urgency of the Joy Gardner case, Mr Condon has made eventual rapprochement between the police and black community the more likely .... Page 15

Buy the seaside

The British beach's populist pleasures are in any case safe. They appeal to a national characteristic even stronger than nostalgia — bracing masochism .... Page 15

COLUMNS

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

Maastricht has destroyed or is destroying almost everything and everyone it has touched. The British, French and German governments are tottering; the Conservative party has been reduced to a minority group, and the Franco-German alliance is strained to breaking point. Delors, Kohl and Mitterrand were three old men in a hurry who went to sea in a sieve .... Page 14

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Nato now has no choice but to press ahead with air strikes against the Serbian positions around Sarajevo. If it failed to do so, it would have no credibility in the future .... Page 14

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The bad electoral mood reflects unhappiness bred by a sluggish world economy and an impatience with "isms" of all kinds, including Thatcherism and Reaganism, Conservatism and Socialism
— *Washington Post*

Even the arrogance of the Eurocrats can be cured as ill-conceived schemes like the narrow-band Exchange Rate Mechanism come crashing down around their heads
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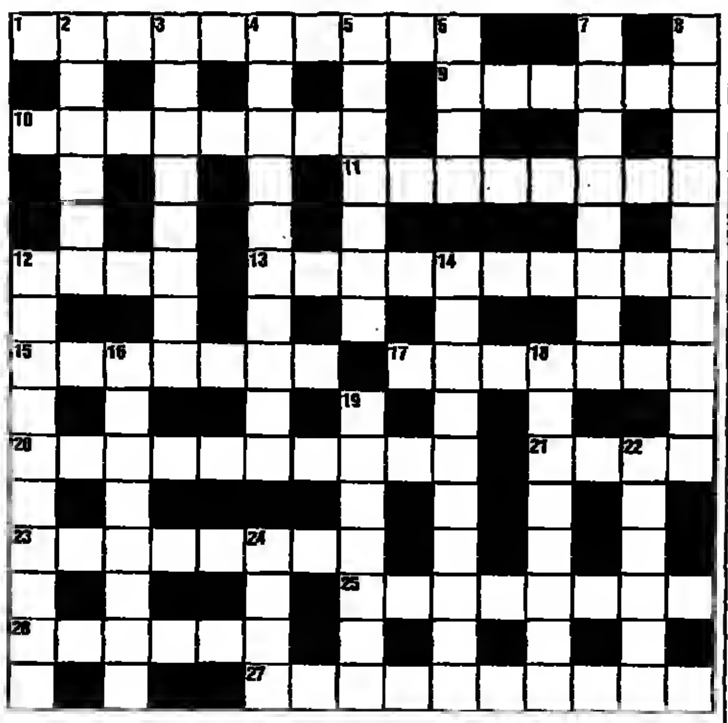

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WEATHER

Over parts of eastern England, but for much of East Anglia and southeastern England the morning will start cloudy with outbreaks of showery rain, though this will ease eastwards during the morning. Then all areas will have sunny spells and showers, though these will die out from the west during the day. Some northeastern coasts may stay rather cloudy in the afternoon as northwestern winds freshen in these areas.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

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Alex'dria	28	82	s	Malta	34	93	s
Algiers	32	90	s	Melb'rne	11	52	f
Amst'dm	18	64	c	Mexico C*	22	72	f
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Bahrain	35	95	s	Milan	31	88	s
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Barbados*	30	86	f	Moscow	22	72	s
Barcelona	27	81	s	Munich	28	82	s
Beirut	29	84	s	Nairobi	23	73	s
Belgrade	35	95	s	Naples	31	88	s
Berlin	25	77	s	N Delhi	26	79	f
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Budapst	33	91	c	Peking	25	77	f
B Aires*	18	64	s	Perth	17	63	f
Cairo	34	93	s	Prague	29	84	s
Cape Tn	13	55	t	Reykjavik	12	54	s
Chicago*	24	75	t	Rhodes	31	88	s
Ch'church	7	45	f	Rio de J	27	81	t
Cologne	23	73	s	Riyadh	43	109	s
C'phagn	18	64	f	Rome	30	86	s
Corfu	35	95	s	Salzburg	30	86	s
Dublin	16	61	c	S Frisco*	21	70	s
Dubrovnik	34	93	s	Santiago*	20	68	f
Faro	30	86	f	S Paulo*	25	77	s
Florence	34	93	s	Seoul	27	81	f
Frankfurt	25	77	s	Sing'por	33	91	t
Funchal	23	73	s	St'kholm	19	66	f
Geneva	29	84	f	Strasb'rg	27	81	f
Gibraltar	27	81	s	Sydney	10	50	r
Helsinki	21	70	s	Tangier	32	90	s
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* denotes figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	6.0	0.13	16	64	shower
Anglesey	3.9	-	17	63	cloudy
Aviemore	2.1	0.07	16	61	shower
Belfast	4.1	0.06	16	64	shower
Birmingham	8.9	-	20	68	bright
Bognor Regis	10.5	-	20	68	sunny
Bournemouth	11.1	-	20	68	sunny
Bristol	8.3	0.10	19	66	bright
Buxton	7.2	-	16	61	bright
Cardiff	10.8	0.09	18	64	shower
Clacton	6.8	-	22	72	sunny
Cromer	10.0	-	21	70	sunny
Eastbourne	10.0	0.01	19	66	sunny
Edinburgh	10.7	-	16	64	shower
Eskdalemuir	1.2	0.18	15	59	shower
Exmouth	7.0	0.01	18	66	bright
Falmouth	6.8	-	19	66	bright
Folkestone	10.8	-	19	66	sunny
Glasgow	1.6	0.27	18	64	shower
Guernsey	8.3	0.04	21	70	sunny
Hastings	8.4	-	18	66	sunny
Isle of Man	4.1	0.04	17	63	shower
Jersey	4.8	0.01	20	68	cloudy
Kinloss	2.2	0.09	18	64	shower
Leeds	3.5	0.05	17	63	shower
Lerwick	-	0.07	14	57	rain
Littlehampton	10.8	-	19	66	sunny
Liverpool	4.9	-	18	64	bright
London	8.7	-	21	70	sunny
Lowestoft	10.6	-	22	72	sunny
Manchester	3.3	-	17	63	cloudy
Margate	10.5	-	22	72	sunny
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Morecambe	4.3	-	17	63	rain
Newcastle	8.2	0.08	18	64	shower
Newquay	7.9	0.05	18	64	bright
Nottingham	10.2	0.05	19	66	sunny
Penzance	8.7	0.01	19	66	sunny
Plymouth	7.4	-	18	64	bright
Poole	8.8	-	22	72	sunny
Salcombe	11.2	-	19	66	sunny
Sandown	10.3	-	20	68	sunny
Saunton Snd	8.2	0.02	18	64	bright
Scarborough	6.0	-	17	63	sunny
Scilly Isles	7.1	0.01	18	64	shower
Shanklin	10.8	-	18	64	sunny
Southsea	10.2	-	19	66	sunny
Stornoway	0.4	0.02	15	59	rain
Swanage	11.2	-	19	66	sunny
Teignmouth	7.2	-	20	68	sunny
Tiree	3.7	0.13	15	59	shower
Torquay	8.5	-	20	68	sunny
Weymouth	8.4	-	16	64	sunny
Wick	9.8	-	17	63	sunny

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 19C (66F); min 6pm to 6am, 14C (57F). Humidity: 6pm, 62 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 3.3hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,017.3 millibars, falling. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Tuesday: Highest day temp: Hemsby, Norfolk, 23C (73F); lowest day max: Butt of Lewis, Western Isles, 13C (55F); highest rainfall: Machrihanish, Strathclyde, 0.52in; highest sunshine: Ryde, Isle of Wight, 11.7hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 18C (64F); min 6pm to 6am, 11C (52F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.01in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 3.6hr.

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	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.275	2.075
Austria Sch	19.10	17.60
Belgium Fr	57.30	52.90
Canada $	2.053	1.883
Denmark Kr	10.71	9.81
Finland Mkk	9.35	8.35
France Fr	9.35	8.65
Germany Dm	2.72	2.51
Greece Dr	372.00	347.00
Hong Kong $	12.29	11.29
Ireland Pt	1.115	1.033
Italy Lira	2490.00	2335.00
Japan Yen	175.00	155.50
Netherlands Gld	3.050	2.820
Norway Kr	11.84	10.84
Portugal Esc	270.00	251.00
South Africa Rd	5.80	4.90
Spain Pta	214.00	200.00
Sweden Kr	12.55	11.75
Switzerland Fr	2.38	2.20
Turkey Lira	17700.0	16700.0
USA $	1.60	1.47

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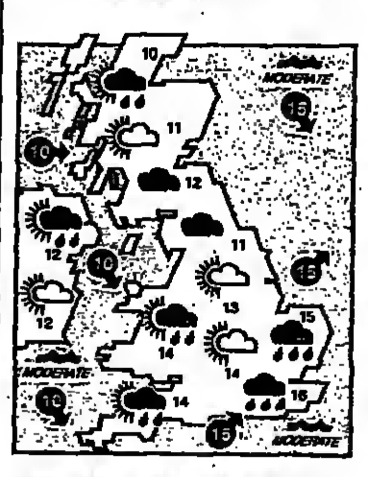

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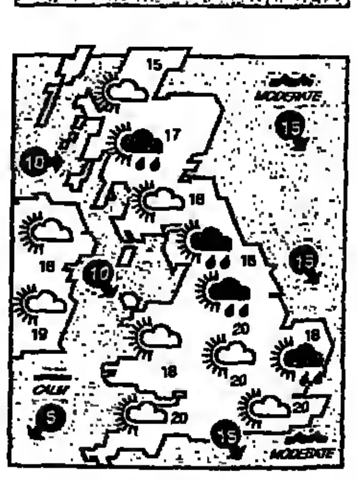

LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 9.12 pm to 5.00 am
Bristol 9.21 pm to 5.10 am
Edinburgh 9.42 pm to 4.54 am
Manchester 9.28 pm to 5.01 am
Penzance 9.28 pm to 5.27 am

Sun rises: 5.30 am | Sun sets: 8.42 pm
Moon sets 8.54 am | Moon rises 9.18 pm

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Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations 1989: The hours of darkness are defined in these Regulations as the period between half an hour after sunset and half an hour before sunrise.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	15	59	f	Guernsey	15	59	r
B'rmgham	17	63	c	Inverness	17	63	c
Blackpool	17	63	f	Jersey	18	64	f
Bristol	17	63	c	London	19	66	c
Cardiff	16	61	r	M'nchster	17	63	c
Edinburgh	17	63	f	Newcastle	18	64	f
Glasgow	16	61	c	R'nldsway	16	61	f

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	4.28	7.1	4.36	7.0	Liverpool	1.34	9.3	1.52	8.9
Aberdeen	3.29	4.2	4.07	4.0	Lowestoft	12.7	2.3	11.54	2.5
Avonmouth	9.51	12.7	10.07	12.8	Margate	2.38	4.6	2.35	4.7
Belfast	1.19	3.5	1.42	3.2	Milford Haven	8.45	6.8	8.02	6.8
Cardiff	8.36	11.7	8.52	11.9	Newquay	7.35	6.8	7.53	6.8
Devonport					Oban				
Dover	1.27	6.3	1.39	6.6	Penzance	7.15	5.2	7.26	5.4
Falmouth	7.45	4.9	7.55	5.1	Portland				
Glasgow	3.24	4.8	3.43	4.5	Portsmouth				
Harwich	2.20	3.9	2.28	4.0	Shoreham	1.28	6.0	1.54	6.0
Holyhead	12.34	5.5	12.58	5.2	Southampton	1.07	4.3	1.36	4.3
Hull	8.44	7.5	9.13	7.0	Swansea	8.54	9.1	8.09	9.3
Ilfracombe	8.31	8.7	8.49	8.9	Tees	6.02	5.4	6.30	5.0
King's Lynn	8.53	6.6	9.28	6.2	W'ton-on-Nze	2.13	4.1	2.20	4.2
Leith	4.57	5.4	5.31	5.2					

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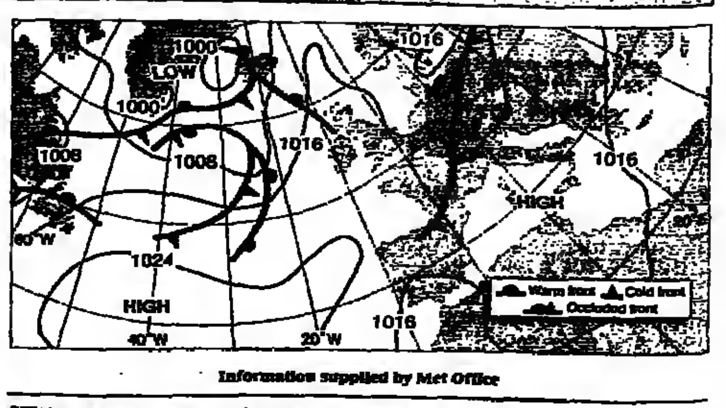

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US $ ..... 1.5013 (-0.0032)
German mark .. 2.5702 (+0.0055)
Exchange Index ..... 81.7 (-0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 ..... 2941.3 (-3.7)
Dow Jones ..... 3557.08 (-4.19)*
Nikkei Avge 20497.55 (+139.91)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 6%
3-month Interbank 5⅞-5¾%
US Federal Funds 3¼%*
3-month Treas Bills . 3.08-3.07%*
Long Bond 6.53%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£:$	1.5014*	£:$	1.5025
$:DM	1.7105*	£:DM	2.5671
$:SWfr	1.5066*	£:SWfr	2.2625
$:Flr	5.9305*	£:Flr	8.9130
$:Yen	104.79*	£:Yen	157.48
£:SDR	1.0763	£:ECU	1.3256

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 400.65 ..... PM 402.65
Close 401.55-402.05
New York:
Comex 401.25-401.75*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI ..... 141.0 June (1.2%)

* Denotes midday trading price

Leeds to swallow N&P in biggest society deal

BY SARA MCCONNELL, PERSONAL FINANCE CORRESPONDENT

TWO of Britain's top ten building societies, the Leeds Permanent and National & Provincial, are to merge in the largest ever takeover in the building society movement. The new Leeds Permanent society will be the third largest, after the Halifax and the Nationwide, with assets of £31.4 billion.

The Leeds is currently ranked fifth biggest, with total assets of nearly £19.4 billion, while N&P is eighth, with assets of £12 billion. Together, the societies have a capital base of £1.5 billion.

This is the second time the two societies have considered merging. An approach by the Leeds to N&P fell through three years ago. This time, the approach was made by N&P. David O'Brien, who will be chief executive of the merged societies, was a non-executive director at N&P at the time of the first merger approach.

Because the two societies have a concentration of branches in the north, an estimated 15 per cent of their combined 769 branches could close, putting 1,600 jobs at risk.

Richard Newton, retiring chairman of the N&P, rejected suggestions that the N&P had sought a merger as a prelude to conversion to a public company. Four years ago, N&P spent £10 million preparing to follow the Abbey National and become a plc. Mr Newton said yesterday that "conversion will always remain an option" but added that the merger would allow N&P to expand as it wanted.

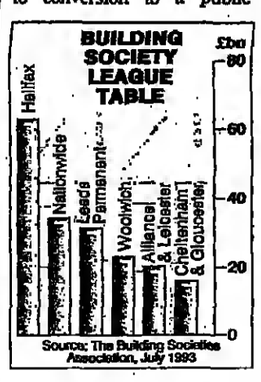
The societies stated: "Both societies have concluded that the investment needs to provide the range of products and services, the quality of advice and guidance and the distribution required by their customers, can best be achieved in terms of cost and speed of implementation by merger rather than by organic growth."

Under the terms of the merger, the new society will be based at the Leeds' head office. N&P's Bradford headquarters is likely to be used as administrative offices. Both sides said that although N&P was technically transferring its engagements to the Leeds, there was no question of one society "rescuing" the other.

Malcolm Barr, chairman of the Leeds, and proposed chairman of the new society, said: "We have made it clear over the last two years that it is our intention to grow and to build on our financial strength through carefully considered acquisitions and mergers."

The societies have yet to decide how to structure their life assurance operation after the merger. N&P already has a life company, N&P Life, and the Leeds has also been developing its own company, Leeds Life. Currently, the Leeds is tied to the Norwich Union.

Members of both societies will be asked to vote on the merger, probably after Christmas. For the proposals to be accepted, 75 per cent of investors voting and a simple majority of borrowers will have to approve.



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Building a new society: David O'Brien, left, and Roger Boyes, of the Leeds, yesterday

Number of syndicates at Lloyd's to fall by third

BY SARAH BAGNALL, INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

THE number of Lloyd's underwriting syndicates are set to drop by about a third next year, putting further strain on the financially troubled insurance market and prompting many redundancies, Lloyd's professionals say.

As recently as 1990, Lloyd's had 401 syndicates but this year the level has dropped to 240 and the market is bracing itself for a fall to 150 for the 1994 underwriting year.

This is partly due to cost cutting within the market, triggering agency takeovers and reorganisations, which in turn have led to syndicate mergers and closures.

Sturge, the biggest Lloyd's agency, is closing eight of its 23 syndicates, AJ Archer is closing one syndicate and merging a further two as a result of its acquisition of Castle Underwriting Holdings, while Merrett Group is merging three syndicates. These are just a few of the agencies closing and merging syndicates and members' agents expect more to follow this year.

Anthony Smithson, managing director at Murray Lawrence Members' Agency, said these changes have significant knock-on effects. "Many agency support staff could find themselves out of a job because of a duplication of services," he said.

John Stace, managing director at Stace Barr, the independent members' agent, agreed. "Regrettably there will be a rationalisation of staff as agencies merge." The drive by agencies to improve information technology standards also meant job losses, he added.

In addition, the business plan is forcing managing agents to cut their fees from the start of next year and agencies will look to staff cuts as a way of reducing expenses to offset falling revenues.

The drop in syndicate numbers is being fuelled by the expectation that most names will join Members' Agents Pooling Arrangements (Mapas), being put in place for the 1994 underwriting year. These schemes are likely to provide capacity for a limited number of "core" syndicates.

Mr Stace said: "Only 70 to 80 syndicates will potentially form the core of most members' agents Mapas." As a result, many small or specialist syndicates could fail to attract enough funds to make trading viable.

Christopher Keeling, chairman at Fenchurch Underwriting Agencies, said: "We will be giving notice to about 25 syndicates, possibly more, that we will not be continuing to provide them with capacity. In our view if a syndicate is not worthy of being in a Mapa then it is not worthy of our support."

Yesterday, Peter Middleton, Lloyd's chief executive, attended a meeting of about 100 agents and underwriters to discuss the plight of the "non-core" syndicates to try to find ways of ensuring their survival.

The problem is compounded by the introduction from the start of next year of a deficit clause, requiring members' agents to calculate profit commissions on the net outcome of their names' underwriting portfolio. Traditionally, agents have taken commissions on profitable syndicates and ignored losses made on other syndicates, enabling them to make profits even when their names suffered an overall loss. "This will make agents more wary of where they place their names' money," one members' agent said.

Fall in failures hints at new upturn

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE rate of receivership appointments has slumped for the fourth consecutive month, reinforcing evidence that Britain's economy is recovering, but in a pattern markedly different from the past.

The number of administration orders and receivership appointments in July was just 239, according to analysis of official figures by Touche Ross, the accountant. The average was 400 a month for the year to March 1993, when the number fell abruptly.

According to Christopher Morris, insolvency partner at Touche Ross, a lull has developed because, although recession has ended, no strong recovery is yet under way. "I think we are bumping along the bottom," he said. "If the economic climate improves, I think you will start seeing a situation of increases in receiverships and administrations."

Historically, the problem of insolvency has been aggravated by recovery because companies seeking to respond to higher order levels have experienced cash-flow problems.

However, an early downturn in company failures, like that in the number out of work, which began in February and has run for five consecutive months, has raised the possibility that structural shifts may have made the United Kingdom economy better able to respond to recovery.

The Touche Ross analysis shows the best improvement in insolvency occuring in London and the South East, where appointments fell to 89 in July, against 180 in July 1992. Scotland, too, appears to be doing exceptionally well. However, the North West, Yorkshire and Humberside, still lag the trend.

By industry, there are encouraging signs of stabilisation in the hard-hit property and construction areas. A steady downtrend is seen in most other sectors, but hotel and catering still seem to be doing only marginally better than last year.

National Westminster remains the bank most likely to appoint administrative receivers, closely followed by Barclays, Lloyds and Midland, with Royal Bank of Scotland and Yorkshire bank in joint fifth place. However, Mr Morris says that the banks have behaved very responsibly towards customers.

Debate that bugs America's economy

IRWIN STELZER

Buy gold, a New York money manager told me this week. "It's the only way to protect yourself against the coming inflation." Buy bonds, an equally well-known adviser said. "Inflation is dead and the economy is weak. So interest rates have to come down, perhaps to 5 per cent on 30-year bonds."

The gold bugs say they are not basing their urgings solely on expectations that inflation will accelerate in America. Among other things, they point to rising demand for gold by newly rich Chinese who do not trust their own currency. But US domestic inflation is their big worry, primarily because they are convinced that President Clinton's "deficit reduction" package is no such thing.

The president concedes that the deficit will rise by $1 trillion over the next five years, and his critics expect a far larger increase. Projected tax increases, they say, will not generate the revenues being forecast, as high earners re-hone their skills at legal tax avoidance. And the spending cuts that Congress has promised to make in a few years will never materialise. So the government will continue pumping money into the economy even as the level of activity picks up. Retail sales are up somewhere between 3 and 5 per cent, auto sales are soaring and even commercial property markets are strengthening. The Commerce Department reports that sales of new one-family homes in June exceeded the year-earlier figure by 16 per cent. In short, the economy is strengthening rapidly and will get an added boost when Europe, now liberated from rigidly fixed exchange rates, snaps out of recession.

The final piece of the inflation worriers' argument is that the Federal Reserve Board will prove an uncertain ally in the battle against renewed inflation. For one thing, they think Fed chairman Alan Greenspan is losing his touch, witness his wildly wrong recent guess as to the economy's growth rate: one week after he said it was probably growing at a healthy 2.5 per cent, the government officially reported that growth was a more meagre 1.6 per cent in the second quarter. The problem, say analysts such as Polyconomics' David Goldman, is that the Fed has not found "a credible substitute for the discredited monetary aggregate". Monetarism R.I.P. Add to that fears that Greenspan, eager to stay in Clinton's good graces, won't risk aborting recovery by raising interest rates, even if inflationary forces are unleashed.

All of this is just plain wrong, say bond-pushers. The spurt in prices early in the year was an aberration, due to temporary and/or seasonal factors. It has since been reversed.

Producer prices for finished goods actually dropped by 0.3 per cent in June. Nor should the rise in the Commodity Research Bureau's commodity price index to its highest in over two years be a cause for worry: bad weather and floods have temporarily driven up some agricultural prices. Those who expect interest rates to drop cite two other important facts. First, the economy is growing only slowly. Purchasing managers report manufacturing in decline, a view supported by the index of leading indicators, which fell in May and rose only infinitesimally in June. This suggests no acceleration in the anaemic growth rate is in sight. Consumers remain burdened with debt, are worried about jobs and are seeing little growth in incomes. So confidence is low, making them reluctant to spend at a prosperity-inducing rate — or to tolerate price increases.

Second, Clinton's package will slow the economy to a snail's pace, or perhaps spin it into recession. The increase in marginal rates on high earners, effectively from 31 per cent to 44.5 per cent, will chill the housing and durable goods markets. Those who say inflation fears are groundless also argue that the soon-to-come tax on small businesses, to finance expanded health care coverage, will discourage hiring by the very firms that fueled the jobs boom of the 1980s.

What worries most policy makers here in Washington is that both sides in this debate might prove right. We might just see more inflation and a no-growth economy. That is known as "stagflation", the phenomenon that buried the last Democratic president, Jimmy Carter, and could send Bill Clinton back to Arkansas four years earlier than he has planned.

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Women win bigger pay increases than men

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

WOMEN'S earnings are rising faster that men's, especially those of female managers, according to new government figures that suggest the overall rise in earnings has halved this year.

The government's main measure of the level of earnings in the economy, its annual New Earnings Survey (NES), is released each autumn. In advance, however, it will publish today a projection of this year's figures providing year-on-year earnings comparisons.

Comparing the projection with last year's actual NES results, the figures published by the employment department imply that earnings overall have risen 3.97 per cent. This is close to half the 7 per cent of the previous year, and suggests the government's attempts to hold down pay rises have paid off.

However, the figure is still more than twice the inflation rate, suggesting that earnings rises look unlikely to decline to the level of price increases. Though the figures will not be final until the NES itself is published later this year, they suggest ministers are likely to find the actual earnings results comforting.

Within the overall total, earnings are rising faster for women — a 4.77 per cent increase, compared with the 3.73 per cent rise for men. At 3.97 per cent, non-manual workers' earnings are rising more quickly than the 3.5 per cent for manual employees.

Figures for women in these categories are again higher than those for men. Female white-collar workers' earnings rose by 4.72 per cent, compared with 3.69 per cent for men, while among manual workers, female earnings rose by 4.05 per cent compared with 3.46 per cent for men.

The highest increases were in personal and protective service jobs, such as the police, flight attendants and security guards.

Across all the occupational groups women scored higher increases in earnings. Female managers, for instance, saw their earnings rise by 4.7 per cent, according to calculations based on the department's figures, compared to 3.7 per cent for male managers, with the same figures for male and female professional employees. Even among craft and similar workers women scored higher rises.

The South West saw the highest increase in earnings, at 4.06 per cent, though there was only a very small difference between the regions, with the lowest rises of 3.96 per cent recorded in the West Midlands and the north-west of England.

Ratner shares £1m payoff

By Susan Gilchrist

GERALD Ratner, the flamboyant retailer who was ousted from the post of chief executive of Ratners, the jewellery group, last year, shared in a £1 million payout with his cousin Victor, another director, as compensation for loss of office, according to the company's annual report.

Once described as the man with the Midas touch, Gerald Ratner was forced to step down last November when profits plunged following his notorious remark describing one of the company's products as "crap".

A spokesman for the group said yesterday that Gerald Ratner received less than his cousin, who was on a longer, five-year contract. Victor, who resigned as deputy chairman after a boardroom shake-up in February 1992, was paid "slightly more than £500,000". In addition to the compensation payments, Gerald Ratner was also paid a salary of £456,000.

Gerald Ratner expressed surprise when he was fined only £160 for a speeding offence in January after the magistrate's court at Thame, Oxfordshire, calculated his disposable income amounted to just £20 per week.

The annual report also reveals that James McAdam, who replaced Gerald Ratner at the helm, received a basic salary of £288,000 including a £35,000 pension contribution. Mr McAdam is testing a new store format in six outlets, which, if successful during the critical Christmas trading period, will be used across the group. Marketing consultants have been brought in to revamp the 140 Ratners outlets which have performed less well than the group's other offshoots, such as H Samuel and Ernest Jones.

Chin up: Gerald Ratner received less than his cousin

Collapse of ERM threatens steel plan

From Tom Walker in Brussels

PLANS by the European Commission to rescue the EC steel industry may be wrecked by the exchange-rate mechanism's collapse, sources in Brussels say. The EC fears that Germany will consider pumping subsidies into its steel sector to offset the impact on exports of a strong mark, particularly on steel from the former East Germany.

The £750 million rescue package for EC steelmakers planned by Martin Bangemann, the EC industry commissioner, hinges on virtual abolition of state subsidies to loss-making works. The current villains are Italy and Spain. If Germany joined them, the plan, due to come into effect next year, would be in trouble. "There will be high pressure to give subsidies to the east German steel sector, and the French won't like that," said a commission source, predicting a domino effect on governments.

The commission is blocking a plan by Bonn to spend £800 million building a mini-mill for the Eko Stahl plant, at Eisenhuetenstadt, on the Polish border; the German government, instead, began to seek a new partner for Eko Stahl, but if its exports are now less attractive, this will be harder.

The EC may have worse problems with agriculture. Protecting German farmers from currency swings accounts for up to 20 per cent of common agricultural policy spending. With flexible exchange rates, green money used to compensate farmers will cost the EC far more.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Lombard North Central up 42% as bad debts fall

LOMBARD North Central, National Westminster Bank's finance house subsidiary, has increased its pre-tax profits by 42 per cent to £69.7 million in the first half of 1993. It said the improvement came from growth in new business and a reduction in bad debt charges. Lombard financed £2.4 billion of new business, up 29 per cent on the same period last year. Its bad debt charge fell by 20 per cent to £60.2 million.

Denis Child, the chairman, said that while the upturn in the economy remained fragile, "we sense a degree of confidence returning to our customers". He added: "If this trend continues, with greater volumes of new business and lower defaults, then I expect that the remainder of the year will prove at least as profitable." Lombard North Central's profits contributed to National Westminster's almost doubling in profits from £211 million to £421 million, that were announced on Tuesday.

Haemocell shares fall

SHARES in Haemocell dropped 27p to 117p before closing at 121p after the blood filtering company said it had fallen out with Stryker, the US company with world rights to distribute its major product. Haemocell gave no specific reason for ending the agreement signed two years ago. The USM company expects pre-tax losses in the year ending this month to be at least as bad as last time's £1.7 million and they could be affected further if it has to pay Stryker compensation.

Beales Hunter ahead

BEALES Hunter, the Nottingham refrigeration and electrical components group, benefited from a good first half to push up full-year pre-tax profits to £2.2 million (£1.9 million) on sales up to £47.8 million (£41.7 million). The group said the rise was reined in by a "slightly disappointing" second half against a backcloth of sluggish economic recovery. Earnings per share in the year to end-May were 16.2p (15.6p). The final dividend of 6.95p makes 9.40p for the year (9.25p).

In Shops to buy chain

IN SHOPS, the Birmingham retail space manager, is to acquire Milbank Foods, a regional discount grocery chain operating in the north-east of England. The group is paying £8.15 million for the 25-store chain, which trades as Job Lot Trading Co, funded by a placing and open offer of 14 million new ordinary shares. Pre-tax profits fell by 28 per cent to £2 million for the year ended March 31. Turnover was £26 million (£24.3 million). The final dividend is 2.09p (1.97p).

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
80 Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL				
0345 717373				
Mastertrust	123.10	131.00	+0.30	1.12
International	94.85	100.90	+0.20	.53
Dividend Gth	58.65	62.39†	-0.03	4.50
Global Gth Sec	62.86	66.87	+0.06	2.35
Ethical Growth	65.77	69.90	+0.01	2.36
High Inc Equity	155.40	165.30†	-0.20	4.78
Worldwide Bond	269.00	285.00†	-0.60	3.68
Gilts Fixed Int	133.60	141.60	+0.20	5.66
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ				
0224 633070 Dealing: 0800 833580				
30 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7QQ				
071 374 6881				
Amer Inc Gth	43.72	46.14	+0.01	0.66
European	85.10	90.16	+1.05	...
European Inc	80.73	85.65	+0.70	1.73
Exempt	916.50	943.50†	-1.30	3.26
Extra Inc	45.81	49.92	+0.05	4.63
F East Emerg Ec	89.27	96.42†	+0.90	0.67
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS				
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon, SN1 1EL				
0793 514514				
Dealing: 0793 610366				
High Inc	402.00	429.70	...	3.83
Equity Inc	222.20	237.50	+0.10	3.84
High Yield	247.90	264.90	+0.30	3.87
Balanced	659.20	704.60	-0.70	2.49
American Inc	48.99	52.37†	-0.08	3.07
Wld Asset Val	42.13	45.05	+0.26	1.00
Japan	208.60	222.20	-0.80	0.01
Secs of Am	414.60	440.60	+1.10	0.57
AXA EQUITY & LAW				
St George's Hse, Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1QD. 0203 553231				
UK Growth Acc	323.10	343.80	+0.30	2.63
-do- Inc	228.90	243.60	+0.20	2.63
Higher Inc Acc	599.10	637.40	+0.40	3.53
-do- Inc	363.90	387.20	+0.50	3.53
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	161.90	192.10	+0.20	5.86
-do- Inc	95.34	100.60	+0.10	5.86
Nth America	249.10	265.00	+1.40	...
Far East	317.20	337.50	+2.20	0.19
Europe	236.50	251.60	+2.10	0.85
General Inc	439.30	467.40	+0.40	2.39
-do- Acc	481.90	512.70	+0.50	2.39
Brit Excell	66.03	70.25	+0.04	2.64
Brit Fndmtls Inc	70.86	75.28	+0.13	4.51
Brit Fndmtls Acc	91.21	97.04	+0.17	4.51
Global Opps	76.46	81.35	+0.30	0.03
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MANAGERS				
36 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BN				
071 489 8673				
Brit O'seas	253.60	269.99	+3.10	1.33
Capital Gwth	104.30	109.80	...	2.48
Worldwide Opps	152.70	160.70	...	0.59
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD				
Gredley Hse, 1-11 Broadway, London E15				
081 534 5544				
Capital	107.70	115.30	-0.30	2.85
Euro Gth Inc	121.00	128.30	+1.70	1.40
Extra Inc	111.40	119.10	-0.30	4.70
General	249.50	266.80	+0.10	2.89
Gilt Fxd Inc	60.37	62.42	+0.23	7.94
Income	502.30	537.30	+0.70	4.28
BARING FUND MANAGERS				
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ				
081 658 9002				
American Gth	93.91	99.70	+0.53	0.10
Amer Smllr Cos	123.30	132.00	+0.80	...
Convertibles	53.57	57.29†	+0.12	7.10
Eastern	190.90	205.00	+0.40	1.60
Equity Income	85.57	91.00	+0.18	6.30
European Gth	242.30	257.50	+2.10	1.40
Europe	155.40	166.30	+1.40	1.30
Exempt	84.73	86.97†	+1.59	3.50
German Growth	64.04	68.19	+0.99	0.70
Global Growth	111.00	119.30	+0.50	...
Japan Growth	207.30	221.80	+0.60	...
Japan Sunrise	185.10	195.60	+0.10	...
Portfolio	123.80	132.40	+0.30	3.20
-do- Acc	220.60	236.90	+0.50	3.20
UK Growth	84.27	89.64†	-0.11	2.80
US Smaller Cos	85.35	91.36	+0.06	1.90
Select Managers	66.04	70.67	+0.15	2.00
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
190 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA				
041 332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	107.55	115.02	+0.31	1.87
-do- Inc	97.77	104.57	+0.28	1.87
Global Bond	30.05	31.88	+0.11	5.37
High Yield Acc	56.64	60.58	-0.30	3.50
-do- Inc	40.67	43.50†	-0.21	3.50
Smlr Cos Acc	97.14	103.89	+0.64	1.35
-do- Inc	89.28	95.49	+0.58	1.35
Amer Gth Acc	59.64	62.79	-0.05	...
-do- Inc	58.53	62.60†	-0.05	...
Euro Gth Acc	110.11	117.76	+1.51	1.07
-do- Inc	108.60	116.15	+1.70	1.07
Mngd P folio	36.90	39.55	+0.22	1.29
Pacific Growth	107.01	114.45	+0.34	0.58
Intl Spec Opps	94.72	101.31	+1.16	0.67
BROWN SHIPLEY				
9/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath				
0444 458144				
Financial	136.70	145.60	+0.60	2.88
Smaller Cos Acc	310.90	331.70	+1.70	..
Smaller Cos Inc	180.30	192.90	+0.90	1.12
High Inc	74.70	79.61	+0.15	6.58
Income	134.00	143.40	+0.10	3.84
Mngd P folio Inc	95.18	101.40†	+0.30	1.96
-do- Acc	179.90	191.00	+0.50	...
North American	105.30	112.10	+0.60	0.19
Orient	137.70	147.90	+0.80	...
Recovery	41.72	44.85	+0.20	2.70
German	43.06	46.17	+1.16	0.09
Intl Growth	35.24	37.53	+0.33	0.21
European Inc	22.56	24.27	+0.23	0.46
BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL				
071 480 7216				
Sts Gilt Fxd Int	67.67	68.59	+0.15	5.66
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
PO Box 105, Manchester M60 8AH				
061 837 5060				
Environ	137.20	146.00	+0.60	1.71
UK Growth	149.90	159.50†	-0.10	2.06
UK Income	129.00	137.30	+0.20	4.04
CANNON LINCOLN FUND MANAGERS				
1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB				
081 902 8876				
SE Asia	89.37	95.58	+1.02	1.20
Growth	44.55	47.65†	-0.41	2.70
Income	55.64	59.59†	-0.11	4.15
Far East	50.46	53.97	+0.28	...
North American	89.59	96.33	+0.62	...
Global	89.38	95.60	+0.74	0.64
European	74.53	79.64	+0.96	0.97
Japan	119.00	127.30	...	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	60.16	63.75	+0.17	5.03
UK Cap Gwth	82.61	88.36	-0.02	1.90
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF				
Enquiries: 061 236 5405 Dealing: 061 236 5362				
Capability Trusts				
American Gen	131.40	170.30	+0.10	0.23
-do- Acc	140.10	170.10	...	0.23
European	68.74	72.86†	+0.84	0.80
-do- Acc	72.14	76.46	+0.88	0.60
Far East Gen	69.73	74.19	+0.17	...
-do- Acc	69.73	74.19	+0.17	...
Glenfriars	266.90	282.90	+2.00	0.67
-do- Acc	299.40	318.60	+2.40	0.67
Growth	397.00	434.70	+0.90	2.19
-do- Acc	679.80	727.10	+1.30	2.19
Income Growth	384.40	409.00†	+0.50	3.78
-do- Acc	522.50	555.90	+0.60	3.78
Master Portfolio	9920.0	10510.0†	+8.00	2.05
-do- Acc	11563.0	12010.0	+7.00	2.05
Special Sits	90.61	96.40†	+1.30	3.16
-do- Acc	107.11	113.95	+1.42	2.16
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1255.0	1294.0	+2.00	4.22
-do- Acc	1481.0	1527.0	+3.00	4.22
CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU				
071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055				
American Index	192.80	205.10	-0.30	1.61
Capital	551.60	588.10	-1.30	2.31
Eurotrack 100	135.50	144.20	+0.30	1.43
Euro Gth	86.09	91.81	+0.80	1.23
Far East Growth	98.20	104.80	+0.20	0.07
Global Bond	23.86	25.19†	+0.16	5.97
Hong Kong	82.87	88.44	-0.52	0.78
Income	524.40	559.70	-0.80	3.81
Intl Growth	75.72	80.77†	-0.06	0.96
Japan Growth	295.10	314.90	+0.60	...
Japan Smllr Cos	37.55	40.08	-0.15	...
Japan Index	86.57	92.39	+0.29	0.23
Nth American	435.60	464.90	+0.60	0.42
S pore Mly Gth	57.63	61.50	+0.36	...
The Pontsie Fd	109.20	115.30	-0.20	2.66
Tiger Index	149.70	159.80	+1.10	0.58
Trade Index	108.80	116.10	+0.60	2.47
UK Index	128.00	134.50†	...	2.94
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH				
071 606 0708				
American P folio	85.65	91.51	+0.60	1.05
European P folio	75.74	80.61	+0.30	0.98
Japanese P folio	70.34	74.84	+0.16	...
Pacific P folio	108.32	116.56	+0.71	1.15
Cazenove P folio	73.48	78.59†	-0.16	2.63
UK Income Gilt	66.20	71.05	-0.19	4.58
Utility & Bond	52.46	53.16	-0.31	7.00
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND				
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ				
071 588 1815				
Investment Fd	618.22	619.95	-4.00	4.81
Fixed Int	159.75	160.00	-2.30	9.06
Deposit	5.70	...	5.82	...
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND				
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ				
071 588 1815				
Income	613.51	621.70	+14.67	4.81
-do- Acc	2436.6	2494.9	+48.26	...
Deposit	5.65	...	5.77	...
Fxd Int Inc	129.81	130.06	+2.61	8.92
-do- Acc	177.10	177.45	+4.50	...
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1				
071 407 5966				
City Fin Assets	65.00	68.52	...	2.20
Beckman Intl	85.73	90.70	+1.34	2.93
Friars Hse Inc	183.51	197.32	...	5.90
Friars Hse Cap	255.90	275.22†	...	2.64
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS				
Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222				
Dealing: 081 686 9818				
Quilter	123.69	131.59†	+1.35	2.55
-do- Acc	138.77	147.63	+1.51	2.55
CU Prestige Fund Management				
Deposit	92.81	92.81	+0.01	5.14
-do- Acc	92.81	92.81	+0.04	5.14
PPT Europe	160.26	170.49	+3.33	0.82
PPT Mthly Inc Plus	48.99	52.12	+0.07	7.33
PPT Global Bond	86.75	92.23	+0.44	5.36
PPT Gold Com	64.20	68.30	-0.70	...
PPT Oriental Gth	59.51	63.31	+0.31	0.29
PPT Far East Gth	112.81	120.01	+0.71	0.01
PPT High Yield	121.05	128.78	+0.35	4.22
-do- Acc	465.43	495.14	+1.30	4.22
PPT Managed	63.55	67.61	+0.24	3.38
-do- Acc	77.62	82.57	+0.27	3.38
PPT Smlr Cos	37.08	39.45	+0.27	1.60
-do- Acc	42.09	44.78	+0.31	1.60
PPT UK General	70.40	74.89	+0.19	2.43
-do- Acc	85.44	90.89	+0.23	2.43
PPT Japan	127.10	135.21	+0.65	...
PPT N Amer	150.67	160.29	+0.47	0.06
PPT UK Gth	120.52	128.21	+0.32	1.89
PPT W'wide Gwth	59.89	64.05	+0.32	0.13
-do- Acc	62.45	66.79	+0.33	0.13
PPT Preference	49.20	52.34	+0.11	6.53
-do- Acc	256.87	273.27	+0.56	6.55
PPT Equity Inc	148.34	157.81	+0.30	3.54
-do- Acc	491.12	522.47	+1.19	3.54
PPT Fixed Conv	41.75	44.42	+0.17	6.32
-do- Acc	111.90	119.04	+0.45	6.33
CREDIT SUISSE INVESTMENT FUNDS (UK) LTD				
Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542				
Dealing: 071 247 7474				
Fellowship Tst	61.95	65.91	-0.13	1.93
-do- Acc	69.84	74.30	-0.15	1.93
Income Fund S	221.70	235.70	+0.40	4.06
-do- Acc	515.30	548.20	+1.90	4.06
Inv Portfolio	69.16	71.67†	+0.08	2.15
-do- Acc	78.81	81.67†	+0.09	2.15
Smaller Cos	130.50	138.90†	+0.40	1.38
-do- Acc	157.90	168.00†	+0.50	1.38
High Inc P folio	62.55	64.82	-0.02	4.48
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS				
Bath Road, Cheltenham, GL53 7LQ				
0242 577555				
Oriental Op Acc	85.93	91.41	-0.05	0.87
Japanese Acc	67.40	71.70	-0.10	...
UK Balncd Inc	130.50	138.80†	+0.40	2.48
-do- Acc	153.90	163.70†	+0.40	2.48
UK Growth Acc	211.30	225.30	+0.70	1.99
UK High Inc	138.50	147.30	+0.90	6.01
-do- Acc	167.60	178.30	+0.90	6.01
N America Acc	113.80	120.40†	-0.10	0.32
European Acc	164.20	174.70	+2.50	0.40
US Pref P/I Inc	61.34	64.85†	+0.09	6.70
-do- Acc	100.60	106.70†	+0.10	6.79
Intl Sp Sits Acc	40.25	53.46	-0.07	0.21
Environmntl Opp	72.75	77.39	+0.20	1.59
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	111.60	118.60	-0.10	0.42
UK Smllr Cos	205.70	218.60	+1.90	1.14
Eurofund	38.66	40.90	+0.25	0.98
Mngd Exempt	170.80	178.10	+5.30	2.94
Growth Inc	218.20	231.40	+1.00	3.24
High Dist	146.70	155.00	+0.80	4.81
International	330.10	350.70†	...	0.92
Intl Income	83.48	89.11†	+0.30	2.40
Pacific	60.63	64.42	+0.27	0.47
Smllr Jap Cos	77.85	82.72	+0.06	...
Tokyo	219.80	233.50	+0.80	...
Japan Exempt	128.20	120.70	+7.20	0.39
Sm Jap Exempt	626.20	643.40	-18.50	0.08
Equity Income	125.60	133.50	+0.60	3.75
Formerly Target				
Euro Spec Sits	144.80	153.00	+1.00	0.53
Financial	44.53	47.31	+0.32	2.51
Global Opps Inc	91.86	97.00	-0.29	2.06
-do- Acc	95.22	101.20	+0.30	2.06
Gold Gen Inc	54.77	58.19	-0.70	0.74
-do- Acc	105.70	111.70	-1.40	0.74
Japan General	170.70	181.40†	+0.90	...
Preference	22.84	24.27†	+0.05	7.49
Worldwide Cap	202.10	214.70†	+0.10	2.98
World Income	87.01	92.45†	+0.31	3.22
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT				
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU				
071 373 7261				
Endurance	178.50	189.80	...	0.89
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 7QW				
0296 434400				
Pelican	108.06	113.75	-0.17	3.26
High Income	125.89	132.52	-0.19	4.64
Tst of Inv Tsts	157.67	165.97	+0.47	2.22
Special Sits	86.91	91.48	+0.20	2.12
North American	104.19	109.67	-0.07	0.86
Far Eastern	257.56	271.12†	+1.61	1.65
Intl Growth	101.79	107.15	+0.13	1.20
European	66.42	69.92	+0.47	2.02
Smaller Cos	68.68	72.29	-0.03	2.01
FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD				
16 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RE				
0273 220 707				
United Charities	228.60	243.10	...	3.62
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD				
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181				
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	5.30
European Tst	131.80	140.20	+1.80	...
High Income	26.70	28.10†	+0.13	5.63
FOREIGN & COLONIAL				
8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	95.77	101.30†	+1.10	0.80
Far Eastern	141.80	151.70	+0.30	...
Overs Income	90.73	96.98	+0.65	3.02
UK Growth	97.43	104.20†	+0.40	0.74
UK Income	104.50	111.80	+0.10	3.06
US Smaller Cos	264.60	279.80	+1.30	0.08
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT				
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT				
071 374 4100				
Amer Gth	48.97	52.06	+0.08	..
-do- Acc	48.97	52.06	+0.08	..
Am Smllr Co	435.50	465.70	+2.90	...
-do- Acc	444.90	475.70	+3.00	...
Capital	291.40	309.90	+0.30	1.78
-do- Acc	405.80	431.60	+0.70	1.78
Cond Smllr Cos	48.09	51.78	+0.28	0.20
-do- Acc	50.27	54.13	+0.29	0.20
Convertible	117.10	124.50	+0.30	5.85
-do- Acc	222.20	236.30	+0.50	5.85
Emg Mark	55.72	59.52	+0.40	..
-do- Acc	55.72	59.52	+0.40	...
European	98.95	105.70	+0.40	0.87
-do- Acc	103.20	110.20	-1.00	0.87
Extra Income	300.60	319.70	+1.50	3.93
-do- Acc	430.30	457.70	+2.30	3.93
Financial	113.10	121.10	+1.00	0.23
-do- Acc	118.30	126.70	+1.00	0.23
Gth Gth Tst	65.27	67.31	+0.04	6.07
-do- Acc	84.34	86.97	+0.04	6.07
Health Fund Inc	120.20	128.40	+0.40	...
-do- Acc	120.20	128.70	+0.40	...
Income Tst	186.30	198.10	+0.60	3.09
-do- Acc	263.90	280.70	+0.40	3.09
Intl Growth	329.80	352.40	+1.30	...
-do- Acc	346.30	391.30	+1.40	...
Japan Gen	192.20	205.30	-0.30	...
-do- Acc	194.10	207.40	-0.30	...
Mngd P folio Inc	93.69	98.62	+0.32	0.85
-do- Acc	98.52	103.70	+0.70	0.85
Monthly Income	158.00	168.00	+0.50	3.82
Qtly Inc	51.31	54.57	+0.07	5.63
-do- Acc	51.44	54.71	+0.06	5.63
Recovery	300.90	321.70	-1.60	0.26
-do- Acc	353.80	378.00	-1.40	0.26
UK Growth	47.99	51.26	+0.05	2.51
-do- Acc	47.99	51.26	+0.05	2.51
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS				
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts. SP1 3SH				
Dealing: 0722 411411				
Administration: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	357.58	380.40	-0.40	2.66
-do- Acc	730.16	776.77	-1.92	2.66
Euro Gth Dist	112.89	120.10†	-2.06	0.74
-do- Acc	116.84	124.30†	-2.14	0.74
Fixed Inc Dist	135.81	143.65	-0.04	6.12
-do- Acc	229.65	242.91	-0.06	6.12
Intl Gth Dist	80.47	85.61	+0.33	0.65
-do- Acc	83.55	88.88	+0.35	0.65
Nth Amer Dist	171.55	181.73†	-0.06	0.92
-do- Acc	186.80	197.89†	-0.07	0.92
Pac Basin Dist	260.04	276.64†	-0.46	0.06
-do- Acc	264.82	281.72†	-0.47	0.06
Stewardship Dist	305.82	325.34	-0.10	1.88
-do- Acc	364.65	387.93	-0.12	1.88
Stwd Inc Dist	64.95	69.10†	+0.01	3.10
-do- Acc	80.99	86.16†	+0.01	3.10
N Am Stwd Dist	99.35	105.69†	...	...
-do- Acc	105.09	111.80†	...	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS				
Alban Gate, 14th Flr, 125 London Wall, Lond EC2Y 5AS. 071 710 4567				
Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	160.60	170.40	+0.10	..
European	438.70	466.30	+5.20	0.91
Far East General	238.00	254.10	-1.00	0.25
Germany	104.50	110.80	+2.30	0.42
Global Assets In	71.70	76.33	+0.29	2.12
Global Assets Ac	75.60	80.71	+0.21	2.07
Income Inc	128.30	137.30	+0.20	4.64
International	295.20	315.60	+1.70	0.80
Intl Income	79.79	84.81	+0.36	4.70
Japan General	396.10	420.70	+1.70	..
Smllr Cos Div	46.74	49.99†	...	5.94
UK Capital Inc	169.50	181.30	-0.20	3.95
-do- Acc	292.50	312.80	-0.30	3.58
UK Spec Sits	79.90	85.46	-0.05	1.48
US General	121.30	129.50	-0.20	0.10
W'wide Spec Sits	126.60	135.20†	+0.40	0.10
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212				
Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	66.00	70.26†	-0.04	1.48
Cash Trust	129.70	129.70	+0.01	5.19
Pract Inv Inc	107.83	113.04	+0.32	3.97
-do- Acc	231.48	248.24	+0.67	3.97
UK Smaller Cos	107.90	115.71	+0.80	0.40
Income Funds				
Preference Share	26.57	28.42†	+0.05	7.81
High Inc	32.73	35.01†	+0.02	4.68
UK Equity Inc	131.45	140.57†	-0.00	3.86
Global Bond	30.13	31.22	+0.11	5.73
International Funds				
Gold Intl	98.66	105.76	-2.10	0.37
Frontier Markets	44.28	47.49	-0.03	0.44
Global Inc Gth	122.42	130.59	+0.90	1.98
UK Intl	119.81	128.14†	+0.45	0.18
Overseas Funds				
American	130.64	139.64	+0.58	0.44
European	85.31	90.49	+1.22	0.60
Euro Sel Opps	102.39	109.28†	+1.37	0.67
American Emerg	84.34	90.44	+0.64	...
Hong Kong	116.76	125.21	+0.50	2.00
Japan	245.23	260.98†	+3.06	...
Pacific Growth	162.20	173.04	+0.92	0.37
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT				
Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979				
Dealing: 071 586 0506				
Intl Growth	130.26	139.31	+0.20	0.22
American Gth	131.89	141.06	+0.03	...
European Gth	70.01	74.71	+1.13	0.61
Japan Gth	85.24	91.17	+0.29	...
Greater China	143.25	153.21†	+0.10	2.85
Pacific Strategy	129.69	138.71	+0.92	0.30
UK Prog Inc	76.42	80.49	-1.07	4.69
British Growth	48.11	51.92	...	2.47
UK Small Cos	45.53	48.69	+1.60	1.31
GRE UNIT MANAGERS				
36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE				
071 538 9668				
Cash	131.90	131.90	...	5.02
Gilt Fixed	127.40	136.30	+0.40	5.73
Growth Equity	301.30	321.90	-0.80	1.96
Guardhill	445.50	475.90	+1.10	2.07
Income Trust	113.70	120.90	-0.50	2.71
International	164.20	175.40	-0.40	0.16
Japan Trust	134.80	144.00†	+0.50	...
Nth American	258.80	276.40	-0.60	0.60
Pacific	398.80	426.00	+4.10	...
European	360.00	384.60	+3.70	0.61
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW				
0800 888868				
Global Adv Inc	36.04	38.21†	-0.70	1.58
-do- Acc	37.99	40.27	-0.10	1.58
Inc Adv Inc	30.30	32.12	+0.10	3.76
-do- Acc	31.79	33.70	+8.10	3.76
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
3 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex				
Enquiries: 0277 227308				
Dealing: 0277 690390				
Canadian	80.70	86.45	-0.62	1.31
Equity Income	116.70	123.40	+0.10	3.34
European	138.80	146.90	+2.00	1.22
Intl Situation	73.05	78.03†	+0.05	...
Japanese	149.20	158.30	-0.40	...
North American	96.94	102.90	-0.40	0.06
Scandinavian	123.30	130.40	+1.00	...
Smaller Cos	31.09	33.07	-0.88	1.87
HENDERSON				
PO Box 2357, Kings House, 101-135 Kings Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET				
Enq: 0277 263280 Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	91.30	97.99	+0.88	...
Asian Enterprise	132.39	141.47†	+0.60	1.01
European	393.82	416.84	+4.85	0.73
European Inc	72.93	77.13†	+0.87	2.53
Euro Sml Co	122.54	130.30	+1.61	0.71
Extra Income	268.01	285.32	-0.96	4.61
Family of Funds	72.93	77.84†	-0.08	1.04
Global Bond	57.06	61.02	+0.17	7.15
High Inc	299.40	320.05†	+0.46	3.87
Income Gth	244.88	260.79	+0.49	3.32
-do- Acc	633.43	674.00	+1.28	3.32
International	237.32	253.23	+0.47	0.72
Japan Spc Sit	256.72	273.30	-0.54	...
Japan	222.38	236.80†	+1.01	...
N Amer	225.13	240.08†	+0.87	0.07
Pacific Smllr Cos	202.86	215.80	-1.70	0.34
Pref Gth	46.94	50.45†	-0.18	6.54
Smaller Cos Div	173.93	186.03†	-0.93	3.70
Special Sits	268.25	287.02	+1.23	1.92
-do- Acc	413.35	442.28	+1.91	1.92
Best of British	57.00	61.04	+0.13	2.25
Henderson TR				
American Gth	51.66	57.33	+0.42	...
Euro Spec Sits	48.32	51.34	-0.70	0.92
-do- Acc	51.16	54.36	+0.74	0.92
Far East Opps	33.57	35.91	+0.16	0.60
-do- Acc	34.59	36.96	+0.16	0.60
General Growth	100.46	107.35†	+0.12	2.41
Global Tech	129.70	137.43	+1.14	..
Income Growth	105.33	112.65†	+0.33	3.60
Income Monthly	58.09	62.12	+0.21	5.44
Japan Growth	87.11	92.92	+0.23	..
Overseas Gth	79.66	84.84	+0.67	0.99
Smaller Cos	74.46	79.67	+0.30	1.74
Special Opps	107.90	116.10†	+0.53	1.10
Wld Spec Sits	52.30	55.98	-0.40	0.48
-do- Acc	52.32	56.11	-0.80	0.48
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS				
NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon				
081 686 4355				
British	88.72	94.95	+0.17	1.40
Capital	158.50	169.50†	-1.50	1.30
Dollar	310.60	332.10	-0.10	0.01
European	305.10	324.30†	-2.30	0.61
Far East	251.40	268.90	+2.20	0.27
Financial	176.90	189.10	+5.30	1.75
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	26.49	27.52†	+0.05	7.61
High Yield	105.40	112.70	+0.30	4.30
Income	139.70	149.00	+0.30	3.21
Intl	220.10	235.40†	+1.10	0.19
Japan Tech	76.28	81.58	+0.13	..
Nat Resources	64.78	69.28	-0.16	0.48
Security	302.90	323.90	+0.70	1.74
Smaller Cos	113.00	120.80	-0.70	1.16
Special Sits	141.40	151.70	+0.40	1.31
US Smaller Cos	70.77	75.68	+0.04	..
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR				
071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	25.49	27.25†	+0.04	1.29
Special Features	28.55	30.33	+0.09	1.93
-do- Acc	33.71	35.81	+0.10	1.93
General Funds				
UK Growth	54.70	58.31	+0.14	2.08
Asset Earnings	71.72	76.20	+0.07	2.31
do Acc	85.37	90.70†	+0.08	2.28
Managed Invest	91.14	97.30	+0.21	1.13
Rupert Children	76.74	81.86	+0.03	2.13
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.01	50.01†	...	4.48
Extra Inc	82.55	88.23†	+0.30	4.77
Gilt	28.47	29.56†	+0.05	6.47
Income Gth	40.23	42.93	+0.03	3.52
Mimsur	74.93	80.65	+0.22	7.80
Preference	14.16	15.29	+0.07	6.56
UK Income	319.70	341.80	+0.80	3.01
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	60.78	64.57	+0.53	1.24
Property Shares	67.30	72.62	+0.69	1.58
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	152.00	159.40	+0.40	4.05
European Acc	120.10	127.20	+1.40	1.53
European Dist	114.30	121.00	+1.30	1.53
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	48.86	51.97	+0.20	0.97
European Perf	121.10	128.50†	+1.20	0.70
-do- Acc	124.90	132.50†	+1.20	0.69
Euro Small Cos	22.35	23.80	+0.16	0.65
French Growth	69.67	74.17	+0.73	0.49
-do- Acc	74.43	79.24	+0.78	0.49
Hong K/China	71.00	75.53	+0.34	1.84
Intl Growth	53.95	57.32	+0.14	0.69
-do- Acc	53.95	57.32	+0.14	0.69
Japan Perf	36.21	38.46	+0.05	...
Accum Units	36.21	38.46	+0.06	...
Japan Smllr Cos	41.21	43.81	+0.07	...
Singapore Asean	85.61	90.95†	+0.91	0.33
-do- Acc	86.13	91.51†	+0.91	0.33
South East Asia	242.40	257.50	+1.70	0.67
US Smllr Cos	105.80	112.40†	...	...
-do- Acc	106.90	113.80	-0.10	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	86.94	92.68	+0.43	2.53
Intl Bond	59.64	60.43	+0.04	5.54
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD				
10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3				
071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	69.93	70.22†	+0.01	5.05
Extra Income	54.64	58.13	+0.06	6.64
Gilt Yield	121.90	128.70	...	7.02
Global Income	204.70	217.80†	+2.91	4.02
High Yield	138.10	146.90†	-0.21	5.68
Smllr Cos Div	49.79	52.97†	+0.17	3.70
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	93.10	99.04	+1.44	...
North American	75.90	80.81	+0.09	0.42
European	134.20	142.50	+1.70	1.57
Euro Special	78.33	83.33†	+0.15	1.71
General	267.80	284.90†	-0.40	3.13
Japan	456.10	485.20	-0.70	...
Japanese Special	253.50	269.70	-0.50	...
Master Acc	225.90	240.30	+0.80	1.29
Pacific	283.30	301.40	+3.70	0.53
Smaller Cos	103.30	109.90	+3.71	1.52
UK Equity Gth	37.25	39.63†	+0.18	1.77
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
163 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB				
034 550 5151				
European	77.37	82.31†	+1.01	0.99
Extra Income	24.33	25.88	-0.07	3.50
Far East	28.97	30.82	+0.01	0.83
Income Gwth	74.09	78.82	-0.03	2.71
Intl Growth	53.68	57.11	+0.15	0.06
Japan	70.08	74.55†	+0.06	...
Maximum Dist	99.71	101.70	...	9.91
N Amer Equity	38.45	40.88	-0.13	0.28
UK Equity	88.49	94.14	-0.60	2.40
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	52.76	56.13†	+0.07	4.45
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS				
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex				
Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690995				
Equity Dist	435.30	463.10	+1.00	2.67
Equity Acc	826.40	879.10	+1.90	2.67
Equity Income	94.47	100.50†	+0.20	4.43
European	98.20	104.50†	+0.40	1.34
Far Eastern	194.40	206.40	-1.10	...
Fixed Interest	54.16	57.62†	-0.03	6.06
Gilt	94.19	99.88	+0.30	8.16
Global Growth	70.10	74.57	-0.21	0.43
Intl Bond	57.34	61.00	-0.04	4.66
Japanese	76.78	81.68	+0.05	...
Overseas Equity	101.10	107.60	+0.20	0.60
Pacific Gth	90.02	95.77	-0.11	0.44
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF				
0634 834313				
Balanced	315.50	335.70	+1.30	3.03
-do- Acc	692.90	737.20	+2.80	3.03
Conti Euro Gth	53.44	56.26	+1.12	1.18
-do- Acc	56.32	59.50	+1.18	1.19
Extra Inc	243.70	259.00	+0.80	3.76
-do- Acc	601.00	640.00	+0.50	3.76
German Gth	106.70	111.90	+2.30	0.09
-do- Acc	111.50	117.40	+2.50	0.09
Growth Port	498.20	530.10	+0.80	0.89
-do- Acc	498.20	530.10	+0.80	0.89
Income	467.40	486.60	+0.60	3.53
-do- Acc	1175.0	1250.0	+2.00	3.53
Income Port	498.80	530.70	+0.20	4.22
-do- Acc	506.10	538.50	+0.80	4.22
Japan Growth	106.00	112.80	+0.30	0.01
-do- Acc	106.30	113.10	+0.20	0.01
Master Trust	52.95	56.33	+0.09	1.30
-do- Acc	58.29	62.02	+0.11	1.33
N American Gen	188.30	200.40	-0.40	0.01
-do- Acc	217.50	231.40	+1.00	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	141.40	151.00	+3.30	0.01
-do- Acc	144.80	154.10	+3.30	0.01
Pacific Basin	214.90	227.70	+3.30	0.62
-do- Acc	226.20	240.70	+3.60	0.62
Small Cos Rec	316.80	333.90	+10.60	2.32
-do- Acc	412.50	434.30	+13.80	2.32
UK Growth	79.78	84.88†	+0.84	2.41
-do- Acc	94.00	100.90	+0.98	2.41
Worldwide Gth	288.60	307.10	+0.70	0.16
-do- Acc	425.60	452.80	+0.90	0.16
LONDON & MANCHESTER				
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS				
0392 282673				
General	79.44	85.24	-0.06	2.70
Income	63.52	68.15	+0.07	5.10
International	58.82	63.11	-0.19	0.70
American	59.68	64.03	-0.02	0.30
Japan	58.40	62.66†	+0.07	..
Tst of Inv Trusts	59.96	64.33	-0.07	1.70
M & G SECURITIES LTD				
Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB				
Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390				
American Gen	388.20	410.50†	-0.70	0.07
-do- Acc	479.70	507.20	-0.80	0.07
American Rec	422.00	446.30	-1.00	0.17
-do- Acc	483.50	511.40	-1.10	0.17
Am Sm Co Acc	123.00	130.90	+0.60	..
Australia Acc	176.30	186.70	-0.30	0.89
Capital	682.30	721.50†	-1.40	2.41
-do- Acc	762.10	805.90	-1.70	2.41
Commodity Acc	465.00	471.70	-4.80	0.74
Compnd Gth	853.90	902.60	+3.10	2.74
Dividend	37.00	39.10	...	4.03
-do- Acc	146.50	153.20	...	4.03
Equity Inc	307.30	325.00†	+0.60	4.53
European Div	60.30	63.80	+0.40	3.90
-do- Acc	69.40	73.80	+0.40	3.90
European Gen	393.70	416.50†	+4.30	1.60
-do- Acc	494.80	523.30	+5.40	1.00
Extra Yield	399.30	422.30	+0.30	4.16
-do- Acc	1161.6	1334.9	+5.50	4.16
Far Eastern	312.10	330.00	-1.20	0.54
-do- Acc	410.50	434.10	+1.00	0.54
Fund of Inv	534.30	565.00	+1.80	2.05
-do- Acc	974.50	1030.6	+3.30	2.05
General	55.50	59.00†	+0.20	3.47
-do- Acc	149.10	157.30	+0.50	3.47
Gilt Fxd Int	63.71	63.80†	+0.80	7.45
do Acc	162.43	162.65	+0.76	7.45
Gold	65.40	69.20†	-2.10	0.53
-do- Acc	76.80	81.30	-2.50	0.53
High Inc	26.20	27.70	...	4.27
-do- Acc	99.20	105.10	+0.10	4.27
Intl Growth	70.20	74.20†	+0.10	0.74
-do- Acc	121.30	128.50	+0.80	0.74
Intl Inc	97.10	102.70	+0.10	4.46
Japan Gen Acc	34.60	37.70	...	..
Japan Smllr Cos	159.60	168.80	-0.10	..
Midland	97.30	102.60	+0.10	3.11
-do- Acc	183.40	193.90	+0.30	3.11
Recovery	37.90	40.10†	...	2.50
-do- Acc	61.30	63.90	+0.10	2.80
Second Gen	64.50	68.20†	+0.20	3.23
-do- Acc	159.80	169.00	+0.40	3.21
Smaller Cos	60.50	64.00†	+0.21	3.03
-do- Acc	116.10	122.80	+0.20	3.03
Trustee	40.90	43.30	+0.20	3.66
Charibond 3	1133.78	...	+0.60	9.47
Charifund 2	657.40	657.30†	+0.40	4.82
Pension ex I	869.60	891.40	+1.30	4.11
NAACIF Inc 3	147.07	...	+0.10	7.34
-do- Acc 3	2118.15	...	+3.50	7.34
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
PO Box 410, Chester X, CH99 9QG				
0244 680066				
Inv Port Inc	140.00	149.70†	+0.30	2.01
-do- Acc	156.90	167.80†	+0.30	2.01
UK Income	116.80	124.50	+0.04	2.49
-do- Acc	132.00	141.20	+0.08	2.49
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	84.57	90.45	+0.06	0.44
Far East (Pacific)	140.20	149.80	+0.70	0.62
Income Growth	73.62	78.15†	+0.18	3.32
European	70.49	74.63	+0.37	1.15
Nth American	57.09	60.61	+0.26	1.00
UK Growth	77.85	82.64	+0.30	1.56
Intl Growth	98.06	104.10	+0.10	0.70
Charities	110.30	117.10†	+0.30	3.83
Intl Income	69.76	74.06	+0.17	5.44
Japan	56.64	60.13	+0.32	...
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860				
American	189.70	201.60	-0.10	...
-do- Acc	202.80	215.70	-0.10	...
Cash	100.30	100.30†	...	5.60
-do- Acc	130.30	130.30†	...	5.60
European Gth	199.50	211.70	+3.20	0.75
-do- Acc	214.50	227.70	+5.50	0.75
General	476.40	508.20	+2.40	2.38
-do- Acc	906.10	966.60	+4.70	2.38
Global Dist	132.90	139.70	-0.30	5.23
-do- Acc	148.70	156.70	-0.10	5.23
Income	142.80	152.20	-0.20	4.48
-do- Acc	210.70	224.50	-0.20	4.48
International	399.90	426.40	...	0.66
-do- Acc	531.90	567.00	...	0.66
Japan	198.50	210.60	-0.50	...
-do- Acc	203.80	216.10	-0.70	...
New Europe	143.80	153.40	+1.00	1.68
-do- Acc	146.10	155.40	+1.90	1.69
Recovery	296.70	310.60	+1.80	2.33
-do- Acc	375.00	400.00	+3.30	2.83
European Inc	73.70	78.30†	+0.77	3.11
-do- Acc	95.24	101.10†	+1.60	3.11
Brit Blue Chip	73.70	78.56	...	3.21
-do- Acc	87.03	92.66	...	3.21
Portfolio	75.57	80.36	+0.22	2.82
-do- Acc	85.92	91.30	+0.26	2.82
Gold General	158.70	170.60†	-5.30	0.55
-do- Acc	162.20	174.40†	-5.50	0.55
Pacific	95.81	102.20†	+0.60	0.82
-do- Acc	101.80	108.60†	+0.80	0.82
UK Smaller Cos	53.89	57.27	+0.18	1.90
-do- Acc	59.91	62.91	+0.20	1.90
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD				
Dealing: 0742 529 200				
Enquiries: 0742 529 076				
Balanced Dist	58.23	62.28	+0.07	2.75
-do- Acc	59.13	63.24	+0.08	2.75
British Dist	77.89	83.31	+0.02	2.01
-do- Acc	88.17	94.30	+0.02	2.01
European Gth	177.90	190.30	+2.40	0.24
-do- Acc	223.40	238.90	+3.00	0.24
Extra High Inc	70.61	75.53†	+0.17	5.99
-do- Acc	126.30	135.10	+0.30	5.99
FT-SE 100 Index	48.71	52.10†	+0.60	2.60
-do- Acc	49.45	52.89	+0.06	2.60
Gilt Fixed Int	57.51	59.86	-0.01	6.65
-do- Acc	153.50	159.80	...	6.65
High Yield	224.10	239.70	+0.40	4.50
-do- Acc	526.20	562.80	+1.10	4.50
Income	281.40	301.00†	+0.70	3.16
-do- Acc	595.00	636.40	+1.50	3.10
Japan Gth	370.40	396.10	+2.10	...
-do- Acc	391.00	418.20	+2.40	...
Mandarin Acc	103.60	110.80	-0.90	0.74
North American	163.80	175.20	-0.10	0.30
-do- Acc	206.60	221.00	-0.30	0.30
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT				
Dealing: 071 826 0826				
Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gth	268.80	285.90†	+0.70	...
Deposit Inc	100.17	100.17†	+0.01	5.68
Deposit Acc	123.25	123.25†	+0.01	5.68
Euro Gth Acc	298.80	318.99	+4.00	...
Europa	127.80	137.10†	+1.50	...
Intl Gth	174.90	186.90	+0.30	...
Japan Tracker	83.81	88.50	+0.37	...
UK Equity Inc	153.70	165.60	+0.40	3.99
-do- Acc	188.50	203.10	+0.50	3.99
UK Intl Tracker	144.40	154.50†	-0.30	3.12
US Eq Ind Trkr	191.40	203.10	-0.70	1.46
-do- Acc	202.50	214.90	-0.70	1.45
Asian Trader	164.40	178.30	...	0.44
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
7 West Nile St, Glasgow G1 2PX. 0345 898 933				
American Inc	167.30	171.40†	-0.20	2.18
European	62.42	63.77	+0.76	1.58
Olympiad	57.10	58.60†	-0.38	0.30
Global Bond	48.04	48.58†	+0.07	6.28
Smaller Cos	67.70	70.65	+0.43	1.15
Equity Income	93.73	96.38	-0.02	4.53
UK Growth	85.12	87.80	+0.11	3.84
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
The Bliss Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222				
Dealing: 0705 387730				
American Acc	47.12	50.26	..	1.15
Australian Acc	332.60	346.10	-1.20	...
Conscience	62.30	66.48	+0.17	1.22
-do- Acc	67.25	71.77	+0.18	1.22
European	173.30	184.30	+1.60	1.13
-do- Acc	186.40	198.40	+1.90	1.13
Extra Income	73.45	78.38	+0.03	5.66
-do- Acc	112.70	120.20	...	5.66
Far East Gth	171.70	183.50	-1.90	0.05
Gilt Fxd Inc	38.86	42.22†	-0.03	6.36
Gold	57.69	62.03	-1.29	...
-do- Acc	62.13	66.80	-1.39	...
Income	53.07	56.60	+0.05	4.96
-do- Acc	162.40	175.20	+0.30	4.96
International	30.32	32.53	+0.13	0.68
-do- Acc	43.57	46.74	+0.17	0.60
Jap Sm Cos Acc	363	387.20	-0.10	...
S pore Mly Acc	200.10	217.30	+1.66	...
Smllr Cos Acc	24.96	26.83	-0.03	0.86
Special Sits	32.59	35.04	-0.03	1.77
-do- Acc	37.51	40.35	-0.11	1.57
Tokyo	92.70	98.95	+0.40	..
-do- Acc	93.33	99.55	+0.41	..
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF				
061 233 5322				
N&P UK Growth	68.37	72.73†	+0.00	2.68
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	77.62	82.14	+0.03	5.73
N&P Higher Inc	202.10	215.00†	+0.80	4.51
N&P UK Income	104.00	110.70	+0.70	3.71
N&P Intl	91.30	97.13	+0.41	1.67
N&P Smaller Cos	71.81	76.40	-0.30	1.86
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS				
2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA				
071 407 4404				
General	166.10	176.71†	...	2.02
Global	298.58	317.64	...	3.06
Growth	109.35	116.33	...	1.93
Income	205.28	218.39†	...	1.70
Intl Bond	132.91	141.16	...	6.96
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD				
PO Box 506, Peterborough PE2 6BR				
0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577				
Growth	139.30	146.60	+0.10	2.56
-do- Acc	246.80	259.70	+0.10	2.56
Income	228.00	240.40	+0.10	3.42
Intl Equity	230.80	245.50	+1.00	0.70
-do- Acc	252.70	268.80	+1.10	0.79
Equity	219.60	233.50	-0.30	2.44
-do- Acc	450.20	478.80	-0.60	2.44
UK Intl 25 Acc	71.16	75.70	+0.04	1.64
UK Income	61.70	65.63†	+0.01	3.02
UK Smllr Co Acc	78.65	81.34	+0.26	1.46
New Europe Acc	63.39	67.44	+0.99	1.05
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST				
48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	98.12	104.95	+1.26	0.10
PEP Gth Inc	104.23	111.48	+0.52	1.34
Intl Gth	509.54	544.97	+2.48	0.69
Income	318.44	340.58	-0.38	3.34
W'wide Recov	323.44	345.93	+0.30	0.39
American Gth	210.20	224.82	+2.47	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	194.03	207.52	+1.06	0.30
Far East Gth	234.73	251.05	+1.98	0.05
European Gth	118.10	127.10	+0.91	1.39
UK Growth	80.08	85.65	+0.11	2.86
High Income	86.48	92.50†	+0.13	4.26
Japanese Gth	228.47	243.14	+0.26	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 262443				
International	183.80	196.50	+1.20	0.66
High Income	112.80	120.00	+1.40	3.57
Conv Gth	111.90	119.10	+0.30	5.72
Far East	332.20	353.40	+0.10	0.06
Global Inc Acc	32.70	34.70	+0.10	4.91
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
1 Semlowe Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	50.68	53.91†	+0.21	0.30
Emerging Mkts	68.36	72.72†	+2.62	0.54
General	48.82	51.94	+0.06	3.13
International	86.48	91.98	+0.30	1.31
Gilt Units	26.77	27.60†	-0.01	7.21
Global PEP	35.91	38.20	+0.09	2.00
Income Gth	66.47	70.71†	+0.26	4.63
European	44.73	47.59	+0.48	0.63
Gilt/Fixed Int	24.51	26.39	+0.06	5.92
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
51/59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL				
081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4490				
Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4314				
Priceback: 0426 925091				
Pru Mngd Tst	31.99	34.21	+0.11	1.64
Pru Gth Hvn Inc	101.78	102.27	+0.01	4.66
-do- Acc	105.92	106.44	+0.01	4.66
Pru Equity	661.76	707.76	-0.03	2.64
Pru Equity Inc	80.86	86.48	-0.20	4.43
Pru European	179.97	192.48	+1.91	0.90
Pru Global Gth	80.70	86.40†	+0.19	1.34
Pru High Inc	86.57	92.58†	-0.13	4.87
Pru Intl	166.00	177.54†	+0.23	1.12
Pru Intl Sm Co	71.68	76.66	+0.23	0.67
Pru Japanese	211.86	226.60	+0.87	...
Pru Nth Amer	144.17	154.19	+0.28	0.83
Pru Pacific Mkt	80.56	86.16†	+0.54	1.12
Pru Premr Inc	51.16	53.20†	+0.14	5.08
Pru Smllr Cos	81.78	87.46	+0.26	2.15
Pru Spec Sits	98.51	105.39†	+0.04	2.54
Pru UK Growth	111.13	118.85	+0.03	2.42
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR				
Dealing: 071 634 2983/4				
FA Income	158.35	169.29	-0.15	3.52
FA Japan	294.03	312.84	-0.20	...
FA Maj UK Cos	92.89	99.17	-0.39	2.52
FA America Inc	498.51	531.16†	-0.06	0.85
-do- Acc	582.06	620.19	-0.03	0.85
FA Smlr UK Cos	271.04	293.13	+0.47	1.00
FA European	261.71	277.36	+4.85	1.35
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB				
0708 766966 or 0800 929929 (IFAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	72.92	77.57	+0.31	3.64
Capital Units	147.00	156.40	+0.20	1.26
Commodity	118.70	126.30	-1.70	0.97
European Gth	163.20	173.60	+1.00	1.13
Financial Sec	151.90	193.10	+1.20	1.32
High Return	214.30	228.20†	+0.80	3.73
High Yield	209.00	223.00	+0.40	4.00
Income Units	110.40	117.40†	+0.10	4.39
Investment	184.50	196.30	...	1.31
Japan Gth	164.60	175.10	-0.40	...
Japan Smaller	191.10	203.30	-0.70	...
Masterfund	47.81	50.86	+0.15	1.25
Scotbits	266.10	283.10†	+1.20	1.46
Scotshares	254.90	271.20	-0.70	2.70
Scotyields	228.80	243.40	+0.60	3.86
Select Intl	133.20	141.70	...	0.70
Smaller Cos	231.10	245.90	+0.30	3.85
Special Situation	110.90	118.00	+0.10	0.82
UK Equity	224.30	238.60†	+0.30	2.72
US Growth	139.30	148.30	-0.10	0.30
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria St, London, EC4V 4EJ. Client line: 0800 526 535				
Broker line: 0800 526 540				
American	236.93	252.14	+0.27	0.56
-do- Acc	256.71	273.18	+0.29	0.58
Australian	137.30	146.45†	-0.25	0.78
-do- Acc	162.39	173.21	-0.29	0.78
UK Enterprise	231.56	236.33†	+0.90	2.26
-do- Acc	258.92	276.17	+1.08	2.26
European Gth	63.49	67.55	+0.30	1.31
-do- Acc	65.95	70.16	+0.21	1.31
Euro Smllr Cos	57.87	61.72	+0.63	0.44
-do- Acc	58.26	62.15	+0.64	0.44
Far Eastern Gth	74.44	79.40†	+0.43	...
-do- Acc	75.65	80.68	+0.43	...
Fixed Interest	55.52	58.54	-0.21	6.70
-do- Acc	67.41	71.08	-0.25	6.40
Gilt Income	107.25	113.03	...	7.30
-do- Acc	149.70	157.88	-0.01	7.30
Income	333.51	355.74	+0.92	3.62
-do- Acc	983.75	1049.3	+2.73	3.62
Japan Enterprise	71.75	76.47	-0.01	..
-do- Acc	71.70	76.47	-0.01	...
Japan Smllr Cos	498.23	531.64†	+3.47	...
-do- Acc	499.23	532.50	+3.48	...
Pacific Gth	98.85	105.43†	+0.48	0.07
-do- Acc	101.78	108.55	+0.49	0.07
Smaller Cos	190.55	203.25	+0.53	0.70
-do- Acc	220.39	235.08	+0.63	0.70
Tokyo	115.46	123.15	+0.80	...
-do- Acc	116.62	124.39	+0.80	...
UK Equity	216.15	230.56†	+0.48	2.46
-do- Acc	405.28	432.31	+0.90	2.46
US Smllr Cos	136.36	145.60	+0.91	..
-do- Acc	136.56	145.86	+0.91	...
World Fd	72.20	77.01†	+0.19	2.03
-do- Acc	76.75	81.96	+0.33	2.03
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ				
041 204 2280				
Equity Income	47.73	50.83	+0.32	3.72
Equity Strategy	65.04	69.27	-0.19	1.04
European Opps	74.62	79.47	+0.74	3.22
Maximum Inc	97.67	100.19	+0.01	5.38
US Smaller Cos	54.31	57.84	+0.80	2.33
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	348.60	372.30	+0.80	2.77
American	249.40	265.30	+0.60	0.75
Pacific	351.90	376.40	+2.20	0.54
European	460.90	492.90	+6.40	1.14
Worldwide	82.57	88.31	+0.51	1.02
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT				
109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN				
041 248 6100				
UK Equity	307.50	327.20	-0.30	3.64
UK Sm Cos Eqty	209.90	223.70	+0.70	1.60
European	341.40	363.20	+4.60	1.62
North American	256.80	273.20	-0.80	0.62
Income Plus Inc	69.74	74.20	-0.13	3.61
UK Spec Sits	69.17	73.59	+0.31	2.58
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD				
6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA				
031 558 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	26.12	27.96	-0.06	2.82
Intl Growth Acc	30.50	32.64	+0.14	1.03
Market Ldrs Acc	26.44	28.30	-0.10	2.91
FOR SGTR TRUSTS SEE HENDERSON				
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
21 New Street, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 2HR. 071 626 6226				
European	$103.50	...	-0.60	...
Global Bond	$102.70	...	-0.50	7.50
Japan Samurai	$100.90	...	-0.10	...
UK Growth	$101.90	...	-0.40	3.88
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ				
0800 393777				
Managed	45.37	48.21	...	1.55
Equity Gth Acc	62.43	66.34	...	1.29
UK Eq General	42.80	45.46	...	2.13
-do- Acc	56.52	60.06	...	2.13
European Acc	42.80	45.48	+0.20	0.91
Far East Acc	58.58	62.25	+0.50	0.20
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	32.01	33.86	+0.20	6.14
N American Acc	42.91	45.80	-0.30	1.04
Ors Lgr Cos Acc	290.50	315.20	-1.90	1.39
UK Eq High Inc	37.17	39.50	+0.10	3.65
-do- Acc	44.13	46.89	+0.30	3.65
UK Lgr Cos Inc	296.50	321.00	+0.50	3.68
UK Lgr Cos Acc	386.10	419.00	+0.70	3.68
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	NZ$3.67	NZ$3.90	+0.071	1.22
US Eq	$2.166	$2.301	+0.025	1.16
Far East Eq	Y243.5	Y258.6	+1.40	..
Japan Eq	Y250.0	Y265.5	+8.00	..
FT Europe	115.30	122.70	+2.10	2.13
FT North Am	$1.711	$1.814	-0.002	1.32
FT Japan	Y250.0	Y265.5	+7.70	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	$1.968	$2.090	+0.079	1.46
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh				
031 226 3271				
American	344.60	367.00	+0.10	0.32
British	962.10	1017.9	+2.10	3.98
European	398.50	424.40	+4.70	1.36
Japan	155.40	165.00	+0.60	...
New Pacific	310.00	330.30	-0.30	0.98
Mngd Cash	95.68	95.68†	+0.01	5.20
Majority Stg	99.88	100.88†	+0.01	4.93
Inv Tst	198.70	210.60	+0.60	1.69
Saints PPP	381.00	401.70	...	...
SUN ALLIANCE				
Admin, 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex				
0277 227308 Dealing: 0277 690389				
Equity Acc	741.00	792.50	+1.70	2.96
N America Acc	118.20	126.40	+0.20	0.15
Far East Acc	131.10	140.20	+0.20	...
W'wide Bond	61.78	65.58	+0.03	5.38
European	85.70	91.35	+0.82	1.03
Equity Income	85.15	91.10	+0.13	3.84
SUN LIFE OF CANADA				
Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ				
Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	33.85	36.21	+0.14	0.52
Managed Assets	170.83	129.23†	-0.02	3.11
UK Income	57.34	40.15	...	3.08
UK Growth	37.16	39.75	+0.09	1.39
Worldwide Gth	31.79	34.00†	+0.09	0.31
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE				
0264 346794				
American	209.67	223.05†	+1.29	0.08
-do- Acc	230.40	245.67†	+1.42	0.08
British Gth	87.27	92.84	+0.13	1.96
-do- Acc	102.68	109.23	+0.15	1.96
European	98.01	104.27†	+2.73	0.94
-do- Acc	104.16	110.81†	+2.90	0.94
Extra Inc	192.72	205.02	+0.27	4.15
-do- Acc	307.45	327.07	+0.44	4.15
General Unit	264.71	286.93†	+0.22	2.39
-do- Acc	538.66	573.04†	+0.44	2.39
Income	329.86	350.92	+0.49	3.67
-do- Acc	685.50	729.25	+1.03	3.67
International	499.66	531.56	+1.29	0.40
-do- Acc	654.11	695.86	+1.47	0.40
Pacific	357.11	379.91†	+0.42	..
-do- Acc	375.13	399.07†	+0.43	..
Premier Income	52.22	54.40†	+0.10	6.71
-do- Acc	110.40	115.00†	+0.21	6.71
Nat Resources	150.78	160.40	+2.34	0.02
-do- Acc	165.47	176.03	+2.56	0.02
Selected Opps	100.04	106.43	+0.43	1.26
-do- Acc	125.25	133.24	+0.53	1.26
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Swan House, 33 Queen St, London EC4R 1AX				
071 493 7262. Dealing: 071 493 8545				
Amer Sml Cos	69.62	74.26	+0.12	..
-do- Acc	71.00	76.58	+0.12	..
European Opps	62.41	66.37	+0.49	0.44
-do- Acc	63.07	67.08	+0.49	0.44
Far East Opps	158.82	167.48	...	...
-do- Acc	162.52	171.39	...	...
Japan	93.58	99.54	+0.26	..
-do- Acc	93.58	99.54	+0.26	...
Little Dragons	76.04	61.10	+0.12	0.61
-do- Acc	78.27	83.48	+0.13	0.61
Oriental Income	45.30	48.31	+0.25	3.29
-do- Acc	57.74	61.58	+0.30	3.29
Tiger	219.18	233.70	+1.56	1.13
-do- Acc	230.27	245.62	+1.64	1.13
UK Small Cos	82.49	88.22	+0.70	1.80
-do- Acc	96.25	102.94	+0.46	1.80
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ				
031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	21.53	22.90	+0.06	0.50
Pacific Basin	34.43	36.62	+0.68	0.60
Canadian Gth	35.16	37.40	...	..
Global Bond	$0.972	$1.018	-0.002	7.09
Penny Share	25.21	26.51	-0.42	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT				
071 606 3132				
City Reserve	53.10	53.10	+0.01	5.04
Gilt Growth	70.18	73.05	+0.36	..
Gilt Income	53.56	55.73	+0.17	5.50
Short Dtd Gilt	110.10	111.60	+0.20	..
US Govmnt Bd	$0.717	$0.726	..	
Challenger	96.80	99.05	+0.17	..
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG				
081 298 4000				
Stockmarket Fd	69.88	74.34	..	1.41

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return): † Ex dividend. ‡ Middle price: ... No significant data.

PETER TREVANOR

Solid figures: Bruce Ralph, left, chief executive, and Gareth Davies, chairman, announcing higher profits yesterday from a depressed market at the group that owns Aga-Rayburn

Glynwed boosted by cost cutting

By Colin Campbell

GLYNWED International, whose interests range from kitchen cooking appliances to foundry products, has again turned its hand to cost cutting in order to achieve higher profits at a time when its markets remain depressed.

In the 26 weeks to June 26, group operating profit rose by 9.8 per cent to £23.6 million on a turnover that was 3.6 per cent up at £475.2 million.

Pre-tax profits advanced from £15.4 million to £18.3 million. Gareth Davies, chairman, said that the improvements were not the result of any noticeable increase in economic activity, but were essentially due to lower unit costs and increased market share.

He said that the volume of housing transactions, which affects several of Glynwed's businesses, had not increased and added "there is a feeling that earlier public confidence has fallen back again".

There was an 11 per cent fall in the UK gas cooker market during the interim period, but Glynwed enjoyed an increasing demand for its Aga-Rayburn products, and Leisure's exports of sinks were 25 per cent higher.

The economic outlook in Britain remained far from clear, Mr Davies said, and it could well be in the final quarter of the year, at the earliest, before the group saw any significant benefit from recovery.

He expected Glynwed to continue to make progress, as long as there was no marked deterioration in the trading conditions of the group's major markets. Because the cost base had been consistently trimmed in recent years, the group was well placed when a recovery comes, Mr Davies said.

The interim dividend is maintained at 4.15p a share, and is declared out of net earnings from continuing activities of 5.73p a share.

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Dealing operations help Midland soar to £385m

By Patricia Tehan
Banking Correspondent

■ Chaos on the foreign exchange markets after sterling's withdrawal from the ERM boosted dealing income at Midland Bank and gave pre-tax profits a welcome boost

MIDLAND Bank's pre-tax profits soared from £60 million to £385 million in the first half of the year, with about £200 million of the improvement coming from its profits from its Treasury dealing operations.

These include dealing profits from Midland Global Markets, which was created after the takeover of Midland by HSBC last year, pulling together Midland and Hongkong Bank's treasury and capital markets activities in London, New York and Tokyo, as well as net interest income from the bank's own Treasury book.

Brian Pearse, Midland's chief executive, said the performance of Midland Global Markets far exceeded expectations. It has benefited from the chaos in the foreign exchange markets that followed the withdrawal of sterling from the exchange-rate mechanism last September. In the first half year dealing income, before costs, shot up from £50 million to £296 million, most of this coming from Midland Global Markets.

Midland's bad debt provisions were higher in the first six months, unlike Lloyds Bank and National Westminster Bank, which have reported falling bad debt provisions. The reason for the Midland increase, of £34 million to £321 million, was a £65 million provision against loans to two corporate customers, thought to be Queens Moat Houses, the hotels group, and Isosceles, the supermarkets group.

Mr Pearse said: "This distorted the drop in personal and small business sector provisions." The total figure also included a £20 million increase in Third World debt provisions. Mr Pearse said Midland's Third World debt provisions now cover 78.1 per cent of its exposure, up from 63.2 per cent at the end of 1992. In addition, he said the value of the debt on the secondary debt market is £150 million higher than book value.

Midland improved its cost-income ratio, a measure of efficiency seen as important by its parent, reducing it from 73.3 per cent to 61.4 per cent. But Mr Pearse said he believes "there is a lot more we can do within the UK bank to develop income". He said that while there is scope for cutting costs, the emphasis would be on increasing income.

Midland has already won market share in the large corporate customer market, and it has increased its market share in the small business sector from 9 per cent to 12 per cent "It used to be 15 per cent, so we are still making up lost ground," he said.

Sir Peter Walters, the chairman, said the bank is also taking actions to improve relations with personal customers. Mr Pearse said these include ending charges for letters telling them they are overdrawn, introducing monthly rather than quarterly charges, and "educating our customers about why it is that they are paying bank charges".

Midland did not give a full breakdown of profits of its operations, which are divided into commercial banking and Forward Trust. Commercial banking increased operating profits from £18 million to £298 million. Forward Trust increased operating profits by £3 million to £29 million.

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£500m order will secure GKN jobs

By Martin Waller, Deputy City Editor

GKN expects to secure a £500 million-plus order from Kuwait within days that will safeguard 500 jobs in the Midlands for several years.

Talks between the British government and Kuwaiti officials about the long-awaited purchase of over 200 Warrior and over 100 Piranha armoured fighting vehicles made by the automotive engineer are well advanced.

The commander of land forces in Kuwait has indicated a preference for the British products. Sir Peter Cazalet, deputy chairman of GKN, said the company was therefore confident the work would come its way. As well as sustaining production at GKN's Telford factory for four to five years, starting late next year, the order would also provide work for thousands of others employed at GKN's engineering suppliers.

GKN announced interim figures that show how earlier cost-cutting is allowing the group to keep its head above water in the recession. Pre-tax profits were just £900,000 lower at £60 million in the six months to end-June despite the impact of recession on the continental European car industry. At the pre-interest level, they were £600,000 higher at £73.4 million.

Profits from continuing operations were £3 million lower at £64 million, before the benefit of the non-repetition of almost all of the £4.2 million lost on the sale or closure of businesses last time. There was also a £6.4 million one-off benefit from the lower value of the pound. The interim dividend is held at 8p. Sir David Lees, the chairman, said in a statement to shareholders that the first half had seen a substantial decline in the continental European automotive markets, offset to some extent by improvements in North America and Britain.

West European car production was down 15 per cent, and GKN's internal forecasts suggest a similar fall in car registrations for all of 1993.

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Jobs go at Hodder Headline

ABOUT 150 UK staff are being laid off by Hodder Headline, the publishing group formed from the takeover of Hodder & Stoughton by Headline Book Publishing (Martin Flanagan writes).

Most of the redundancies are in administration, with 72 taking place immediately. Hodder said redundancies and relocations would follow from the closure next spring of Hodder & Stoughton's distribution centre near Sevenoaks, Kent. It is expected 150 staff will be affected when distribution moves to Abingdon, Oxfordshire, but that 70 jobs will be created, leaving a net loss of 152.

The redundancy costs will be taken in the group's 1993 trading results.

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United to brew a profit

By Our Deputy City Editor

VIJAY Mallya, the Indian businessman who emerged late last year as the saviour of Wiltshire Brewery, the loss-making regional brewer now renamed United Breweries, is promising a return to profits by the end of next year.

But a resumption of dividends may take a little longer, a higher priority being the creation of a solid, steady company, securely back on its feet, Mr Mallya, now chairman, said yesterday. Mr Mallya's UB Group of India has a 15 per cent stake and he harbours ambitious plans after a refinancing move. "We walked into a company that was struggling," he said, and one that without the rescue rights issue had perhaps 30 days to live.

While expansion of the pubs estate is one option, UB of India also has a raft of spirits brands it plans to put into public houses in Britain alongside Kingfisher lager, an Indian product that is already available in some of the old Wiltshire houses and Indian restaurants. UB of Britain made a pre-tax loss of £189,000 in the six months to end-May, and while during that month it swung back into the black, profits from the second half may not be sufficient to counterbalance those first-half losses, Mr Mallya said.

Vijay Mallya and O'Neill Nalavadi, chief executive

AKZO

The Board of Management of Akzo N.V. announces that on August 4, 1993 the results for the 1st half year of 1993 were published.

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A summary of the results will be presented in the August 17 issue of this paper.

Arnhem, August 5, 1993

Akzo N.V., the Netherlands

Rate cut doubts bolster franc

By Colin Narbrough

THE French franc and the other currencies with the new wide fluctuation bands in the exchange-rate mechanism clawed back some of the ground they lost in the recent turmoil, as doubts persisted about the prospects of an early wave of interest rate cuts.

Dealers are not expecting a French repurchase issue today to produce any substantial easing, given comments from cabinet ministers in Paris. Yesterday's cut in the Bundesbank's repo rate to 6.7 per cent was expected and was not seen as a pointer to faster than expected monetary loosening.

The franc rose 2 centimes to close at 3.4664 against the mark in London, nudging further ahead in early New York trading. The Spanish peseta, the Portuguese escudo, the Danish krone and the Belgian franc all posted gains.

Decreasing hopes of a British base rate cut helped the pound advance by more than half a pfennig to DM2.5702 at the official London finish. On its trade-weighted index, sterling was 0.1 lower at 81.7.

☐ The recession in western Germany should bottom out this summer and there will be a modest increase in production by the year's end, according to the Ifo institute.

The authoritative institute forecasts that the west German gross domestic product will contract about 2 per cent this year before a return to 0.5 per cent growth next year. The pan-German economy is seen contracting by 1.5 per cent this year and achieving 1 per cent growth in 1994.

Bonn government figures published yesterday showed a 1.6 per cent fall in west German industrial orders in June, after a revised 2.8 per cent rise in May. Together, May and June showed a 2.5 per cent rise compared the previous two months, but were 7.3 per cent down against the same two months of 1992.

On inflation, Ifo said it expects west Germany to slow the annual rate to about 3.5 per cent by the end of this year, down from 4.3 per cent in July.

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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re
MAXWELL COMMUNICATION CORPORATION plc et al.,
Debtors.

Chapter 11
Case No. 91 B 15741 (TLB)
Jointly Administered

NOTICE OF LAST DATE TO FILE PROOFS OF CLAIM AND CLAIMS DATE AND EFFECTIVE DATE OF PLAN AND SCHEME
TO ALL CREDITORS AND OTHER PARTIES IN INTEREST:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Chapter 11 Plan (the "Plan") for Maxwell Communication Corporation plc ("MCC") was approved by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (the "US Bankruptcy Court") on July 14, 1993 and the Scheme of Arrangement for MCC under Section 425 of the Companies Act 1985 of Great Britain (the "Scheme") was sanctioned by the High Court of Justice in London, England (the "English Court") on July 21, 1993.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Effective Date of the Plan and the Scheme occurred on July 28, 1993.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT ALL PERSONS AND ENTITIES, INCLUDING INDIVIDUALS, PARTNERSHIPS, CORPORATIONS, ESTATES, TRUSTS, UNIONS AND GOVERNMENTAL UNITS THAT ASSERT A CLAIM AGAINST MCC WHICH CLAIM AROSE OR IS DEEMED TO HAVE ARISEN PRIOR TO DECEMBER 16, 1991, (1) MUST FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM IN THE UNITED STATES AS HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED SO THAT IT IS RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 27, 1993, *(THE "BAR DATE")* OR *(2) MUST SUBMIT A NOTICE OF CLAIM IN ENGLAND AS* HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED ON OR BEFORE 5.30 P.M. LONDON TIME ON SEPTEMBER 27, 1993, (THE "CLAIMS DATE"), EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPHS 1 THROUGH 5 BELOW.

The following special provisions apply to certain creditors. You should consult with a lawyer, solicitor or other advisor if you have any questions concerning their application.

1. Any person or entity that asserts an unsecured claim based on any of the following bearer bonds ("Bearer Bonds") issued by MCC need not file a proof of claim or submit a notice of claim with respect to the claim based on Bearer Bonds. Under the terms of the Plan and the Scheme, the Agent Banks with respect to the Bearer Bonds have agreed to lodge a timely notice of claim with the Administrators, on behalf of the owners of the relevant Bearer Bonds, in respect of the outstanding amounts of the Bearer Bonds. The Bearer Bonds consist of the following:
   (i) 150,000,000 Deutsche Mark 6% bonds of 1988/1993, due 15th June 1993;
   (ii) 75,000,000 ECU 8⅜% bonds of 1988/1993, due 1st September 1993, and
   (iii) 150,000,000 Swiss Franc 5% bonds of 1988/1995, due 16th June 1995.
2. Any person or entity that asserts only an unsecured claim against MCC and has already properly filed a proof of claim, or properly submitted a notice of claim, need neither file an additional proof of claim nor submit an additional notice of claim.
3. Any person or entity whose unsecured claim is the subject of an amendment to MCC's Schedule of Liabilities as filed with the US Bankruptcy Court such that the unsecured claim is accurately listed on the Schedule as amended, need not file a proof of claim or submit a notice of claim to assert such claim against MCC unless such claim is listed as *disputed, contingent* or *unliquidated in such Schedule.* If a *claim is listed as disputed, contingent or unliquidated in MCC's Schedule of* Liabilities, or if a claim is not listed in the Schedule, a proof of claim must be filed on or before the Bar Date with the US Bankruptcy Court, at the address indicated below, or a notice of claim must be submitted with the Joint Administrators, at the address indicated below, in England on or before the Claims Date.
4. MCC, acting by the Joint Administrators, reserves its right to amend MCC's Schedule of Liabilities after giving those creditors affected by an amendment notice of such amendment and an opportunity to file a proof of claim or to submit a notice of claim within 30 days after the date of service of such notice if the amendment would otherwise prejudice the creditor's right to assert a claim. Any notice to a creditor shall state the time within which the creditor shall file a proof of claim or submit a notice of claim following an amendment to the Schedule of Liabilities.
5. Persons or entities holding or acquiring claims arising out of recovery by MCC of a transfer of MCC's property shall file a proof of claim or submit a notice of claim *in the manner specified below* on or before the later of
   (i) September 27, 1993, the Bar Date or Claims Date, and
   (ii) (x) thirty days after the date of service of notice of entry of an order or judgment by this Court authorizing or approving the recovery of such transfer, or
   (y) thirty days after the date of service of notice of entry of an order or judgment by the English Court approving the recovery of such transfer.

The Schedule of Liabilities may be examined at the offices of the Clerk of the US Bankruptcy Court, 1 Bowling Green, New York, New York, on business days from 9.30a.m. to 12 noon and from 1.30p.m. to 4.00p.m. MCC, acting by the Joint Administrators, reserves its right to amend MCC's Schedule of Liabilities after giving those creditors affected by an amendment notice of such amendment and an opportunity to file a proof of claim or to submit a notice of claim if the amendment would otherwise prejudice the creditor's right to assert a claim.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that all persons and entities subject to this notice who do not file proofs of claim on or before the Bar Date or submit notices of claim before the Claims Date SHALL FOREVER BE BARRED from asserting a claim against MCC's estate or its property and receiving any distribution under the Plan and the Scheme. Nevertheless, all persons and entities holding or asserting claims against MCC, whether or not such person or entity files a proof *of claim or submits a notice of claim,* shall be bound by the terms of the Plan and the Scheme.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, as used herein, "claim" means right to payment based on an obligation or liability of MCC, whether o is present, future or contingent, whether or not its amount is fixed or liquidated, whether or not it is disputed, whether or not it involves the payment of money, whether it is secured or unsecured and whether it arises at common law, in equity or by statute in the United States, Great Britain or in any other jurisdiction or in any other manner whatsoever; and includes, without limitation, a "claim" within the meaning of section 101(5) of the US Bankruptcy Code. "Claim" includes any claim based upon, or arising out of, the rejection of any executory contract or unexpired lease, the recovery of a voidable transfer, or MCC's primary, secondary, direct, indirect, contingent or guaranty liability or otherwise.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT THE US BANKRUPTCY COURT HAS DIRECTED THAT ALL PROOFS OF CLAIM BE FILED BY MAIL AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York
Re: Maxwell Communication Corporation plc, Bowling Green Station, P O Box 102, New York, NY 10274-0102

If proofs of claim are filed in person or by hand delivery, they should be filed with the Clerk of the United States Bankruptcy Court, Room 534, 1 Bowling Green, New York, New York 10004.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT ALL NOTICES OF CLAIM MUST BE SUBMITTED BY MAIL OR BY HAND DELIVERY TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

For the attention of the Joint Administrators of Maxwell Communication Corporation plc
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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if you wish additional information concerning the filing of a proof of claim or notice of claim, you may contact counsel for the Joint Administrators at the address set forth below. You may also wish to contact your lawyer, solicitor or other advisor.

Dated: New York, New York,
July 28, 1993

Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy
1 Chase Manhattan Plaza
New York, NY 10005, (212) 530-5000
Attention: John G. Gellene, Esq.,
United States Counsel for the Joint Administrators.

BY ORDER OF THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
Honourable Tina L. Brozman,
United States Bankruptcy Judge

STOCK MARKET

Investors take time out after week of impressive gains

IT WAS a day of consolidation on the equity market as investors decided to pause for breath in the wake of the impressive gains achieved during the past week.

Prices in the cash market spent much of the session closely tracking the financial future, which opened sharply lower on the absence of any positive move on the interest rate front.

It later rallied, dragging share prices with it and allowing the FT-SE 100 index to claw back most of its earlier losses. At one stage, the index was down more than 14 points, but it eventually reduced the shortfall to just 3.7 points at 2,941.3 as Wall Street opened with small losses.

Brokers claim that the undertone remains firm, with little evidence of selling. Market-makers are also starting to take a more relaxed view of events in spite of being short of stock in some areas.

Turnover was 735 million shares although that figure was swollen by a large mixed programme trade carried out first thing.

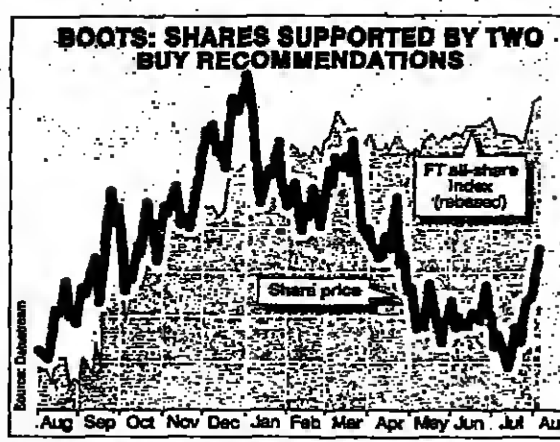
Heavy turnover was reported in **Dragon Oil**, the oil explorer formed by a merger of Oliver Resources and Kirkland, which is listed in Oslo. Almost 30 million shares changed hands as the price firmed ¼p to 2½p. Much of the demand for the shares was reported to have come from the Far East where the group is expected to obtain a quote for its shares shortly.

Boots was a firm market in an otherwise dull retail sector, adding 11½p at 470½p. Warburg Securities and UBS are both believed to have published buy recommendations after a period of under-performance by the shares. Boots has made several presentations over the past few weeks to various institutions to allay fears about problems at its Do-It-All chain.

Kingfisher suffered a setback, falling 9p to 637p. The shares have enjoyed a good run in the past few days, helped by recommendations from NatWest Securities and Nomura Securities. But some brokers are now urging clients to switch.

HSBC climbed 18p to 689p cheered by a strong first-half performance from Midland Bank, its subsidiary. Midland pushed pre-tax profits from £60 million to £385 million in spite of increased bad debt provisions.

Elsewhere in the sector, **Abbey National** firmed 2p to 404p in response to the announcement of the merger of The Leeds Permanent building society and National & Provincial. **Barclays Bank**, reporting later today, hardened 3p to 502p, but there were losses for **National Westminster**, 1p to 509p, and **Lloyds**, 6p to 536p. **Royal Bank of Scotland** on 293p and **Standard Chartered** on 850p were unchanged.



The insurance composites were in confident mood before their interim dividend season, with analysts hoping for further evidence of recovery. **Commercial Union** firmed 2p to 645p, **General Accident** 14p to 691p, and **Royal Insurance** 4p to 338p. Demand was also reported among the life insurers, with **Britannic** adding 13p at 440p, **Legal & General** 8p at 489p, **Lloyds Abbey** 5p at 428p, and **Prudential Corporation** 10p at 324p.

British Airways ran into profit-taking, falling 6p to 339p in the wake of the latest traffic figures for July. Passenger traffic during the period increased by 11.5 per cent, its biggest rise so far this year.

First-quarter figures are expected next week. The price was also affected by reports from Australia overnight suggesting BA had paid too much for its stake in Quantas.

Northern Foods fell 5p to 264p after a warning to shareholders at its agm that competition in the food market was growing more intense. But Christopher Haskins, the chairman, added that the effect was being offset by the benefits of cost cutting and the reduction in interest rates.

The water companies came in for profit-taking after their recent strong run, with **Anglian** falling 9p to 488p, **Northumbrian** 3p to 580p, **North West** 2p to 483p, **Severn Trent** 9p to 495p, **Southern** 12p to 513p, **South West** 11p to 514p, **Thames** 2p to 501p, **Welsh** 6p to 578p, **Wessex** 11p to 588p, and **Yorkshire** 5p to 500p.

GKN, the automotive parts group, slipped 3p to 487p after reporting a drop in half-year pre-tax profits of £900,000 to £60 million and warning that it faced a tough second half. **Glynwed International** fell 5p to 304p in spite of announcing a 19 per cent jump in first-half pre-tax profits to £18.3 million.

☐ **Gilt-edged**: Gilts had a volatile session, with prices unable to establish any clear trend.

On the futures market, the September series of the Long Gilt fluctuated wildly before ending just a tick lower at £111³/₈ as 36,000 contracts were completed.

Shorts were hardest hit in the cash market, reflecting disappointment over the interest rate situation. **Treasury 9½ per cent 1999** eased a tick to £112³/₃₂, while at the longer end, **Treasury 9 per cent 2012** was a tick firmer at £112¹³/₃₂.

MICHAEL CLARK

Consumer credit rules may ease

BY RODNEY HOBSON

THE prospect of self regulation for the consumer credit industry has been raised in a consultative document issued by the Office of Fair Trading.

The proposal was immediately challenged by the Consumers Association, which said that existing self-regulation in financial services was already "a cause for concern".

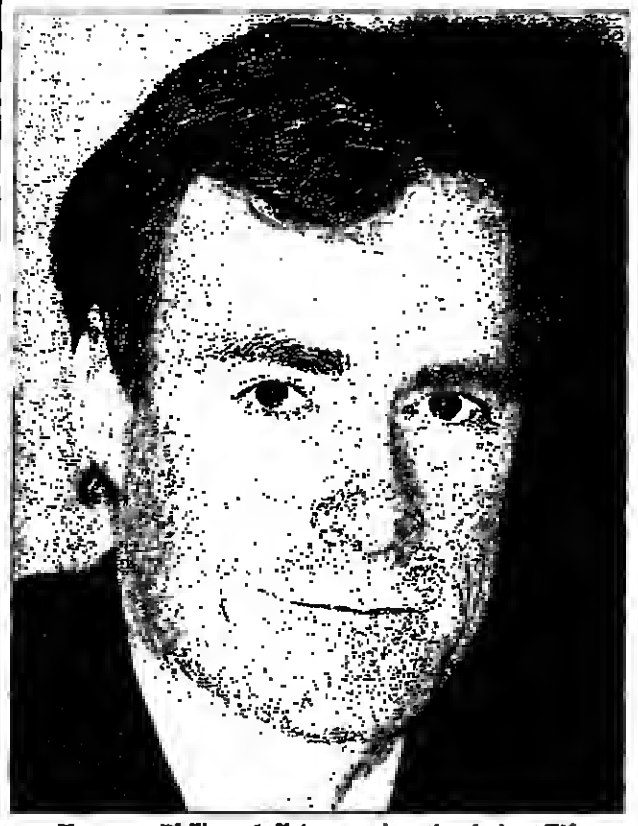
Simpler and less stringent rules to cover consumer credit are to be considered as part of the government's initiative to curb excessive regulation. The OFT is reviewing the 1974 Consumer Credit Act at the behest of the deregulation task force set up by Michael Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade.

Two public hearings in the autumn, one in London and one in Leeds, will give consumer bodies and other members of the public the opportunity to present their views to OFT officials and take part in a debate on the proposals.

Critics of the 1974 Act contend that it imposes a burden on lenders that is out of proportion to the protection given to borrowers.

Elf chief replaced as French clear decks for privatisations

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT


Top man: Philippe Jaffré moves into the chair at Elf

FRENCH ministers yesterday began preparing the ground for their huge privatisation programme by replacing the head of Elf-Aquitaine, the biggest company in France.

Edouard Balladur, the prime minister, has installed Philippe Jaffré, a former ally, as chairman of Elf, one of four companies at the top of the sale list. M Jaffré replaces Loïk Le Floch-Prigent, an industrialist blighted by close links with François Mitterrand, the socialist president, and scepticism over the industrial logic of Elf's diversification programme, which culminated with assumption of control of the Yves Saint Laurent fashion house in May. In a neat round of musical chairs, M Le Floch-Prigent becomes head of Gaz de France, replacing Francis Gutmann, who is off to run the Institut Français du Pétrole.

The outstanding vacancy now is at Crédit Agricole, the bank where M Jaffré was, until yesterday, managing director. Behind this dizzying round is a determination by the conservative government, installed this spring, to ensure its privatisation programme gets off to a flying start in the autumn.

M Le Floch-Prigent was one of the architects of the socialists' nationalisation programme in the early 1980s. Mr Jaffré earned his spurs moving industry out of the state sector.

M. Jaffré, 48, is, like so many French business leaders, a product of the elite Ecole Nationale d'Administration. Working his way up through the treasury, he co-operated closely with M Balladur, then finance minister, in the conservatives' 1986 privatisation round. When the socialists returned to power in 1988 he moved into the private sector, only to be recruited by Crédit Agricole, one of the banks he had failed to privatise in the limited time available.

At Elf he takes the reins of the world's eighth-largest petro-chemical group. With annual revenues last year of Fr200 billion and net income of Fr6.2 billion, Elf has star billing on the sell-off programme. Although part of the stock is already in the private sector, the government's outstanding 50.7 per cent stake is expected to raise up to Fr50 billion. A good portion of the stock is likely to be offered for sale in London, although there will be some sort of golden share to protect the group from hostile takeover.

The company has substantial interests in chemicals and healthcare, as well as oil. It ranks as fourth-largest explorer in the North Sea, and holds 5.5 per cent of the UK petrol retail market through its Milford Haven refinery and a network of some 800 filling stations.

☐ A bill is to go before parliament, changing the status of France Telecom during the first quarter of 1994. Nicolas Sarkozy, government spokesman, said: "For the time being, France Telecom will be transformed into a joint stock company of which the majority of capital will be held by the state."

WORLD MARKETS

Caution keeps Dow low in early trading

New York — US stocks traded lower in early trading amid caution and lack of enthusiasm before the vote on President Clinton's budget deficit reduction plan. Analysts said that apart from airline stocks, which were slightly up on lower fuel prices, blue chips were hit by broad-based weakness. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 5.31 points to 3,555.96. Hugh Johnson, of First Albany Corp, said: "Everyone is trying to find a tree to hide behind until we find out which way the vote on Clinton's bill is going to go."

☐ **Hong Kong** — Share prices closed lower as a late round of selling erased early gains, brokers said. Profit-taking emerged after stocks put on big gains in the past few days and Sino-British talks on Hong Kong's new airport failed to produce a breakthrough, brokers reported. The Hang Seng index fell 47.63 points to 7,164.2.

☐ **Singapore** — Shares closed firmer and analysts think the positive sentiment points to a strong rally after the National Day holiday on Monday. A senior research analyst with Phillip Securities said: "The higher prices confirm the rally we have predicted earlier. The better than expected results recently posted by some banks helped to boost sentiment." The Straits Times industrial index closed 14.50 points higher at 1,859.08.

☐ **Sydney** — Australian shares recovered earlier losses to close higher, in spite of another lacklustre day for gold. Brokers said that firm resource stocks and blue chips offset tumbling gold stocks after bullion eased offshore. The all-ordinaries index closed 5.8 points higher at 1,861.2. *(Reuter)*

WALL STREET

	Aug 4 midday	Aug 3 close
AMP Inc	64¾	64¾
AMR Corp	65	64¾
Abbott Labs	25	25
Aetna Life	58¾	59¾
Ahmanson (HF)	19¾	19¾
Air Prod & Chem	40¾	40¾
Albertson's	32¾	50¾
Alcan Aluminum	20¾	20¾
Alco Standard	46¾	46¾
Allied Signal	71¾	71¾
Alum Co of Am	73¾	73¾
Amax	24¾	24¾
Amerada Hess	49¾	49¾
Amer Brands	51¾	31¾
Amer Cyanamid	54¾	51¾
Amer El Power	37¾	38¾
Amer Express	33¾	33¾
Amer Genl Corp	30¾	30¾
Amer Home Pr	63¾	62¾
Amer Intl	95¾	95¾
Amer Stores	41¾	42¾
Amer T & T	63¾	63¾
Ameritech	81¾	81¾
Amoco	54¾	54¾
Anheuser-Busch	46¾	47¾
Apple Computer	29¾	29
Archer Daniels	23¾	23¾
Arkla	9¾	9¾
Armco	6¾	6
Armstrong Wrld	35¾	35¾
Asarco	19¾	19¾
Ashland Oil	29¾	29¾
Atl Richfield	116¾	116¾
Auto Data Pro	49¾	49¾
Avery Dennison	27¾	27¾
Avon Products	56	56
Baker Hughes	26¾	20¾
Baltim Gas & El	26¾	26¾
Banc One	52¾	53¾
BankAmerica	44¾	43¾
Bank of NY	55¾	55¾
Bankers Tr NY	77¾	77¾
Barnett Banks	46¾	47
Bausch & Lomb	43	44¾
Baxter Intl	26¾	26¾
Becton Dickinsn	35¾	35¾
Bell Atlantic	57¾	57¾
BellSouth	56¾	57¾
Black & Decker	20¾	20¾
Block (H&R)	36¾	36¾
Boeing	38¾	38¾
Boise Cascade	20¾	20¾
Borden Inc	15¾	15¾
Bristol Myrs Sq	53¾	53¾
Browning Ferris	24	24¾
Burlington Nthn	57	56¾
CBS	241¾	244
CNA Financial	87¾	87¾
CPC Intl	40¾	40¾
CSX	76	76¾
Campbell Soup	35¾	35¾
Can Pacific	15¾	15¾
Cpd Cities ABC	501	503¾
Cptl Holdings	42¾	43
Carolina Pwr	33¾	33¾
Caterpillar	79¾	79¾
Central & SW	32¾	33
Champion Intl	33	32¾
Chase Manhat	32¾	32¾
Chemical Bk	42	41¾
Chevron Corp	86¾	87
Chrysler	43¾	43¾
Chubb Corp	91¾	92¾
Cigna Corp	59¾	59¾
Citicorp	33¾	33¾
Clorox	52	52¾
Coastal Corp	28¾	29¾
Coca Cola	43	43¾
Colgate-Palmolive	50¾	50¾
Columbia Gas	22¾	22¾
Commonw Ed	30¾	30¾
Compaq Comp	47¾	47¾
Comp Ass Intl	29¾	29¾
Conagra	23¾	23¾
Cons Edison	36¾	36¾
Cons Nat Gas	51¾	51¾
Cons Rail	56¾	56¾
Cooper Inds	50	50¾
Corning Inc	32¾	32¾
Crown Cork	34¾	34¾
Dana Corp	35¾	35¾
Dayton Hudson	65	68¾
Deere	65¾	64¾
Delta Air Lines	50¾	50¾
Deluxe Corp	37¾	37¾
Detroit Edison	35¾	35¾
Digital Equip	37¾	36¾
Dillard Dept St	36¾	37
Disney (Walt)	36¾	37¾
Dominion Res	46¾	46¾
Donnelley (RR)	30¾	30¾
Dover Corp	47¾	47¾
Dow Chemicals	60¾	61
Dow Jones	30¾	30¾
Dresser	24¾	25
Duke Power	42¾	42¾
Dun & Bradstreet	60¾	60
Du Pont	46¾	49¾
Eastman Kodak	54¾	54¾
Eaton Corp	46¾	46¾

	Aug 4 midday	Aug 3 close
Emerson Elec	58¾	58¾
Engelhard Corp	38¾	38¾
Enron Corp	66¾	65¾
Entergy Corp	38	38
Ethyl Corp	19	19¾
Exxon	65	65¾
FMC Corp	48¾	48¾
FPL Group	39¾	39¾
Federal Express	52¾	52¾
Fed Nat Mtge	82¾	82¾
First Chicago	46¾	45¾
First Interstate	63	63¾
First Union Rlty	10¾	10¾
Fleet Finl Grp	33¾	33¾
Fluor Corp	42¾	42¾
Ford Motor	54¾	54¾
GTE Corp	35¾	35¾
Gannett	50¾	50
Gap Inc Del	29¾	29¾
Gen Dynamics	93¾	92¾
Gen Electric	98	98¾
Gen Mills	60¾	60¾
Gen Motors	49¾	49¾
Gen Reinsurance	127¾	123
Gen Signal	31¾	31¾
Genuine Parts	36¾	36¾
Georgia Pac	62¾	62¾
Gillette	52	51¾
Glaxo ADR	15¾	16
Goodrich (BF)	47¾	47¾
Goodyear Tire	41¾	41¾
Grace (WR)	40	39¾
Gt Atl Pac Tea	29¾	29¾
Great Wstn Fin	17¾	17¾
Halliburton	39¾	39¾
Harcourt General	38¾	38¾
Heinz (HJ)	35¾	35¾
Hercules	82	81¾
Hershey Foods	45	45¾
Hewlett Packard	71¾	74¾
Hilton Hotels	43¾	43¾
Home Depot	46	46
Homestake Mng	20¾	20¾
Honeywell	35¾	35¾
Household Intl	75¾	75¾
Houston Inds	46¾	45¾
Humana	11¾	10¾
ITT Corp	89¾	89¾
Illinois Tool	35¾	35¾
INCO	21¾	21¾
Ingersoll Rand	34¾	33¾
Inland Steel	25¾	25¾
Intel Corp	53¾	53
IBM	44¾	43¾
Intl Flav & Fr	111	112
Intl Paper	64¾	64¾
James River Va	20¾	20¾
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	37¾	37¾
K Mart	21¾	20¾
Kellogg	49¾	49
Kerr-McGee	52¾	52¾
Kimberly-Clark	46¾	46¾
Knight-Ridder	53¾	54¾
Lilly (Eli)	46¾	46¾
Limited Inc	20¾	20¾
LIN Brdcstng	102¾	102¾
Lincoln Nat	43¾	43¾
Litton	66¾	66¾
Liz Claiborne	23	23
Lockheed Corp	64¾	66¾
Louisiana Pac	32¾	31¾
MCI Commun	28¾	28¾
Marriott	28	27¾
Marsh & McLnn	88¾	88¾
Masco Corp	27¾	27¾
May Dept St	40¾	40
Maytag Corp	15¾	16
McCaw Cellular	49¾	49¾
McDonalds	51¾	51¾
McDonnell D	85¾	85¾
McGraw Hill	65¾	65¾
Mead Corp	43¾	43¾
Medtronic	62¾	62¾
Mellon Bk	55¾	55¾
Melville Corp	44¾	45¾
Merck Inc	31¾	31¾
Merrill Lynch	86¾	86¾
Minnesota Mine	106¾	105¾
Mobil Corp	73	73¾
Monsanto	58¾	58¾
Morgan (JP)	72¾	72¾
Motorola Inc	96¾	94¾
Natl Medical	11¾	11¾
Natl Semi	16¾	16¾
Natl Service Ind	26¾	26¾
Navistar Intl	25¾	26¾
NBD Bancorp	33¾	33¾
NY Times A	25¾	25¾
Newmont Mng	56¾	57¾
Niag Mohawk	25¾	25¾
Nike B	56¾	56¾
NL Industries	5¾	5¾
Nordstrom	26¾	27
Norfolk Sthrn	[illegible]	63¾
Nthn State Pwr	45¾	45¾
Norwest Corp	26	26¾
Nynex Corp	89	89¾
Occidental Pet	20¾	21
Ohio Edison	25	25
Oracle Systems	52¾	52

	Aug 4 midday	Aug 3 close
Oryx Energy Co	20¾	20¾
Owens Corning	41¾	41¾
PNC Financial	28¾	28¾
PPG Industries	68¾	69¾
Paccar Inc	64¾	65¾
Pacificorp	19	19
Pac Enterprises	25¾	25¾
Pac Gas & Elect	34¾	34¾
Pac Telesis	48¾	48¾
Pall Corp	16	16
Panhandle East	25¾	25¾
Paramnt Commn	52¾	52¾
Parker Hannifin	32¾	32
Penney (JC)	44¾	44¾
Pennzoil	66¾	67¾
Pepsico	37¾	37¾
Pfizer	59¾	59¾
Phelps Dodge	46¾	46¾
Philadel Elec	32¾	32¾
Philip Morris	46¾	47¾
Phillips Pet	30¾	30¾
Pitney Bowes	41¾	42¾
Polaroid	36¾	36¾
Price Co	33¾	33¾
Primerica	54¾	55
Procter & Gmbl	47¾	48¾
Pub Serv E & G	35¾	35¾
Quaker Oats	62¾	63¾
Ralston Purina	37¾	37¾
Raychem Corp	37¾	37¾
Raytheon	58¾	59
Reebok Intl	25¾	26¾
Reynolds Metals	51¾	52¾
Roadway Srvcs	59	59¾
Rockwell Intl	34	33¾
Rohm & Haas	50¾	50
Royal Dutch	95¾	95¾
Rubbermaid	29¾	30
Safeco Corp	62	62
St Paul's Cos	88	87¾
Salomon Inc	42¾	41¾
Santa Fe Pac	18¾	18¾
Sara Lee Corp	22¾	22¾
Secorp	24¾	24¾
Schering Plough	62¾	61¾
Schlumberger	63¾	63¾
Scott Paper	32¾	32¾
Seagram	25¾	25¾
Sears Roebuck	52¾	50¾
Shell Trans	57¾	57¾
Sherwin Wllms	31¾	31¾
Skyline Corp	18	17¾
Snap-On-Tools	43¾	43¾
Southern Co	42¾	42¾
Sthwestern Bell	40	40
Sprint Corp	35¾	35¾
Stanley Works	43	42¾
Sun Company	20¾	27
Suntrust	45¾	45¾
Supervalu	36¾	38¾
Syntex Corp	17¾	17¾
Sysco Corp	28¾	26¾
TRW Inc	66¾	66¾
Tandem Comp	10¾	10¾
Tandy Corp	29¾	29¾
Telecom Corp	3¾	3¾
Teledyne	24¾	24¾
Temple Inland	43¾	49¾
Tenneco	49	49¾
Texaco	61¾	62¾
Texas Inst	71¾	70¾
Texas Utilities	47¾	47¾
Textron	54¾	54¾
Time Warner	37¾	38
Times-Mirror	30¾	30¾
Timken	34¾	33¾
Torchmark	57¾	57¾
Toys R Us	35¾	36¾
Transamerica	56¾	56¾
Travelers Corp	31¾	31¾
Tribune	49¾	50
Tyco Labs	40¾	40¾
UAL Corp	144¾	145¾
UST Inc	27¾	27¾
USX Marathon	17¾	17¾
Unilever NV	96¾	97¾
Union Camp	43¾	43¾
Union Carbide	18¾	18¾
Union Pacific	63¾	63¾
Unisys Corp	10¾	10¾
USAIR Group	17¾	17¾
USF&G Corp	17¾	17¾
US Life	42¾	42¾
US West	46¾	46¾
United Tech	56¾	57
Unocal Corp	27¾	28¾
Upjohn	27¾	27¾
VF Corp	43¾	42¾
WMX Tech	31¾	31¾
Wal-Mart Stores	25¾	25¾
Warner-Lambert	67¾	66¾
Wells Fargo	114¾	114¾
Westinghouse El	15¾	15¾
Weyerhaeuser	40¾	40
Whirlpool	62¾	63¾
Whitman	14¾	14¾
Winn Dixie	62¾	62¾
Woolworth	25	24¾
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	36	36¾
Xerox	72¾	77¾

Japanese trade soars to new high

BY RODNEY HOBSON

JAPAN'S current account surplus soared to a record $67.5 billion in the first half of 1993 and is likely to set a full-year record. Economists believe this year's surplus could easily exceed last year's record $117.55 billion.

The current account surplus, at $10.7 billion in June, was more than $1 billion up on the previous month. The trade balance leapt to an $11.6 billion surplus from just under $10 billion in May, taking the surplus for the six months to $68.4 billion.

Osamu Takatori, the outgoing Economic Planning Agency minister, said the strong yen might delay economic recovery in the short term, but maintained that the Japanese economy had hit bottom.

A languishing domestic economy, which has limited imports, and the yen's rapid rise, which has boosted exports in dollar terms, were the main reasons behind the growing surplus, economists said. "Import growth has been and will continue to be subdued by a moribund economic recovery, while exports in dollar terms will remain at high levels because of the yen's appreciation," said Tatsushi Shikano, an economist at Yamaichi Research Institute.

Economists said the yen's rise had not caused a flight from Japanese products — it would probably take another year or so for it to translate into a reduction in exports and increase in imports.

☐ On the stock market, the 225-issue Nikkei average closed at 20,497.55, up 139.91 points, or 0.69 per cent.

News Corp announces share issue

The News Corporation is to issue 25 million converting preference shares at A$20 a share from a fully underwritten institutional placement to raise about A$500 million. It is to provide working capital and to part fund purchase of 63.6 per cent of the Star Television group in Hong Kong.

News Corp, which owns *The Times*, also said News America Holdings Inc, a subsidiary, is selling US$250 million of senior debentures, due August 2018, with an 8.25 per cent interest rate. Proceeds will repay certain bank and public indebtedness.

Chieftain loss

The collapse of Swan Hunter sent Chieftain, the insulation group, into loss for the half year to June 30. Chieftain made a £1 million provision for losses due to the collapse, causing a £481,000 deficit (£620,000 pre-tax profit). Interim dividend is 1.5p (2.1p).

McKay down

McKay Securities, the property investor, cut its final dividend, from 6.7p to 3.5p, after a 44 per cent fall in pre-tax profits for the year ended March because of refinancing costs and a decision to cease capitalising development costs. Revaluation cut the book value 17.5 per cent to £18.3 million.

Tea gain

Firmer tea prices boosted Williamson Tea Holdings. In the year to end-March, taxable profits rose to £6.2 million, from £3.7 million last time. The total dividend is 22.5p (20p), via a 12.5p final.

RECENT ISSUES

BT (Partly/Paid) (150)	178½	-1½
Business Post (120)	143	...
Celsis International (100)	102	...
Coun Cavendish (225)	188	-1
Creston Warrants	6½	-½
Devro International (170)	197	-1
Dunedin Japan Inv (100)	96½	+1
Dunedin Japan Inv Wts	50	...
Eaglet Inv Trust	99	...
Eaglet Inv Warrants	45	...
Enviromed (110)	115	...
Eurotunnel Wrrnts 1993	20½	+½
Field Group (250)	285	+1
Fine Decor (210)	264	...
Finsbury Smaller Co's C	150	...
Flying Flowers (65)	76	...
Govett Emerging Mkts	106	...
Govett Emerging Mkts Wts	49	...
Johnson Fry Utls (100)	111½	+½
Johnson Fry Utls Zero Pf	103¾	+1
Kerry Group A	265	...
Kleinwrt Emrg Mkts (100)	103	+2
-do- Wrts	63	+1
Martin Currie Pac Wts	61	...
Perpetual Japan Inv (100)	107	...
Perpetual Japan Wts	52	+1

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
HSBC	690p (+19p)
Highland Distl	339p (+11p)
Boots	474p (+15p)
Prowting	124p (+10p)
Charter Cons	688p (+15p)
Dart	107p (+10p)
Victaulic	285p (+17p)
Britannic	440p (+13p)
General Accident	691p (+14p)
Prudential	324p (+10p)
AAF Inds	107p (+29p)
Compass Group	538p (+12p)
Caffyns	343p (+10p)
Dalepak	179p (+14p)
Geest	380p (+16p)
Yorkshire Chem	355p (+16p)
WH Smith 'A'	444p (+12p)
FALLS:	
Wellcome	677p (-13p)
Rothmans 'B'	656p (-10p)
Kleeneze	207p (-19p)
BAT	449p (-10p)
Sothebys	775p (-13p)

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LEGAL NOTICES

MAXWELL COMMUNICATION CORPORATION PLC (IN ADMINISTRATION)
Scheme of Arrangement
Plan of Reorganization

On 14th May 1993, notice was given of a proposed scheme of arrangement in England (the "Scheme") and a plan of reorganization in the United States (the "Plan") in relation to Maxwell Communication Corporation plc (in Administration) ("MCC").

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Scheme and the Plan have been approved by the necessary majorities of creditors and by the English Court and the US Bankruptcy Court. The date on which the Scheme and Plan became effective (described in the Scheme and Plan as the "Effective Date") was 28th July 1993.

Under the terms of the Scheme and the Plan, Scheme Creditors of MCC have until 27th September 1993 to submit details of any claims they may have against MCC. Failure to do so will generally prevent them from participating in distributions under the Scheme and the Plan. Scheme Creditors who are known to the Administrators have been sent a form marked "Notice of Claim/Proof of Claim". It should be completed in accordance with the instructions contained on it and returned by 27th September 1993. Any person claiming to be a Scheme Creditor of MCC who has not received such a form by 12th August 1993 should immediately contact the Administrators at Price Waterhouse (ref: JGP), No. 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL, England (telephone no. 071 939 1991).

Notices of claim have already been lodged in respect of the following bearer bonds issued by MCC:
- 150,000,000 Deutsche Mark 6% bonds of 1988/1993, due 15th June 1993
- 75,000,000 ECU 8⅞% bonds of 1988/1993, due 1st September 1993
- 150,000,000 Swiss Franc 5% bonds 1988/1995, due 16th June 1995.

Accordingly, holders of such bonds need not lodge a claim unless they have a claim against MCC otherwise than in respect of such bonds.

This publication also contains a formal notice required under US law.

Dated 5th August 1993
A.M. Homan
J.G.A. Phillips
C.G. Bird
A.R.D. Jamieson
Administrators of Maxwell Communication Corporation plc

TENDCLASS LIMITED (IN ADMINISTRATION)
MAXWELL FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED (IN ADMINISTRATION)
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

On 19th March 1992, Tendclass Limited ("Tendclass") went into administration. On 12th February 1993, Maxwell Financial Services Limited ("MFS") also went into administration. Both companies are wholly-owned subsidiaries of Maxwell Communication Corporation plc (in Administration).

By a Court Order dated 27th July 1993, we, the administrators of Tendclass and MFS, were authorised to proceed with the production and implementation of schemes of arrangement under section 425 of the Companies Act 1985 (the "Schemes") between Tendclass and MFS and their respective creditors. The purpose of the Schemes will be to enable us to make distributions to creditors. Whilst the Schemes are being prepared, we have been authorised to advertise for creditors and to agree claims.

Any person claiming to be a creditor of either Tendclass or MFS should contact us as soon as possible and, in any event, by 30th September 1993 at Price Waterhouse (ref. JGP), No. 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL (tel. no. 071 939 5023).

Dated 5th August 1993

Andrew Mark Homan
Jonathan Guy Anthony Phillips
Colin Graham Bird
Alan Rae Dalziel Jamieson
Administrators of Tendclass Limited

Andrew Mark Homan
Jonathan Guy Anthony Phillips
Alan Rae Dalziel Jamieson
Administrators of Maxwell Financial Services Limited

Notice of meeting of creditors Pursuant to section 98 of The Insolvency Act 1986
Name of company MB (UK) Limited
Company Number: 2587090
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at Vernon House, Sicilian Avenue, London WC1A 2QH on Friday the 6th day of August 1993 at 2.00 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of having a full statement of the position of the Company's affairs, together with a List of the Creditors of the Company and the estimated amount of their claims, laid before them, and for the purpose, if thought fit, of nominating a Liquidator and of appointing a Liquidation Committee. Kenneth John Wright of Vernon House, Sicilian Ave, London WC1A 2QH is a person qualified to act as an insolvency practitioner in relation to the Company who will, during the period before the day of the Meeting, furnish creditors free of charge with such information concerning the Company's affairs as they may reasonably require. OR on the two business days falling next before the day on which the Meeting is to be held, a list of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at Vernon House, Sicilian Ave, London WC1A 2QH being a place in the relevant locality.
Notice is also given that, for the purpose of voting, Secured Creditors must (unless they surrender their security), lodge at the Registered Office of the Company at C/o Vernon House, Sicilian Avenue, London WC1A 2QH before the Meeting a Statement giving particulars of their security, the date when it was given and the value at which it is assessed.
Dated this 28th day of July 1993.
By Order of the Board of Directors.
Nicola Carrera.
Director or Secretary

No. 005297 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF CRAIG SHIPPING PLC
- and -
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 16th July, 1993 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for (a) the sanctioning of a Scheme of Arrangement and (b) the confirmation of the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £2,000,000 to £882,824 by cancelling the 3,866,100 issued Ordinary Shares of 20p each and the 1,880,780 "A" non-voting Ordinary Shares of 20p each of the said Company. The amount by which the capital of the said Company is proposed to be reduced is to be applied in paying up in full further shares of the said Company in a like amount in accordance with the said Scheme of Arrangement.
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr Justice Lindsay at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2 on Wednesday the 18th day of August, 1993.
ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose. A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
Dated this 5th day of August 1993.
Allen & Overy 9 Cheapside London EC2V 6AD
Solicitors for the above-named Company.

P & L International Vacationers Ltd
The Insolvency Act and Rules 1986
In accordance with Rule 4.106 I, L A Manning of Buchler Phillips, 84 Grosvenor Street, London, W1X 9DF, give notice that on 28 July 1993 I was appointed Liquidator of P & L International Vacationers Ltd by resolutions of members and creditors.
Notice is hereby given that the creditors of the above named company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before 31 August 1993 to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned L A Manning of 84 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF, the Liquidator of the said company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution.
Dated: 28 July 1993
L A Manning, Liquidator.

INPRO LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 on 26 July 1993 I, L A Manning of Buchler Phillips & Co, 84 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF was appointed Liquidator of the above-named company by the members and creditors.
NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that the creditors of the above-named Company which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 30 August 1993, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and description, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned L A Manning, of Buchler Phillips & Co, 84 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated 26 July 1993
L A Manning, Liquidator.

The Insolvency Act 1986
CAMBRIDGE INNOVATIVE PRODUCTS LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN, was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 20th July 1993.
Dated this 20th day of July 1993.
M.R. Dorrington, Liquidator

I C P Estates Limited
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above-named Company will be held at Settleborough Farmhouse, Swindon Road, Wootton Bassett, Wilts, SN4 8ET on 17 August 1993 at 11.00am for the purposes mentioned in sections 99 to 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors may be inspected free of charge at the offices of Casson Beckman & Partners, Hobson House, 155 Gower Street, London, WC1E 6BJ or the Company's principal place of business at Settleborough Farmhouse, Swindon Road, Wootton Bassett, Wilts, SN4 8ET on 13 August 1993 and 16 August 1993.
DATED - 29 July 1993
By order of the Board
S.A. Carruthers, Director.

Notice of Appointment of Joint Liquidators and Notice to Creditors to Claim
SALINA FREIGHT SERVICES LIMITED
(IN LIQUIDATION)
Principal Trading Address: Beacon Hill Industrial Estate, Purfleet, Essex, RM16 1SR
Company Number: 2068724
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 that on 21 June 1993 N G Atkinson and P Musgrave were appointed joint liquidators of the above named company (creditors' voluntary winding up).
Creditors of the company who have not already done so should submit their claims in writing to me to the following address under reference:- GRH/LCE
N G Atkinson
Touche Ross & Co.
63 High Street, Crawley,
West Sussex RH10 1BQ.

BARTON MANUFACTURING LIMITED
(In voluntary liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to section 95 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at Forte Post Hotel, Cardiff on Tuesday, the 10th day of August 1993 at 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon precisely, for the purpose of laying before the Meeting a Statement of the Assets and Liabilities of the Company.
Proxies to be used at the Meeting must be lodged with G.H. Whittome of 19A Cavendish Sq, London at 1M 9AB not later than 12 o'clock in the forenoon on the 9th day of August 1993.
Dated this 29th day of July 1993
G W Whittome, Liquidator.

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 46, INSOLVENCY ACT
Severn Valley Contract Services Limited
NOTICE is hereby given that on 29 July 1993, Robert David Hewitt and Lynn Gibson of Gibson Hewitt & Co, 5 Park Court, Pyrford Road, West Byfleet, Surrey KT14 6SD were appointed Joint Administrative Receivers of the above company by C E King Limited under the powers conferred in a debenture dated 6 August 1990 containing fixed and floating charges over the undertaking and assets of the company.
Dated: 29 July 1993
Robert David Hewitt
& Lynn Gibson
Joint Administrative Receivers

CASSERELL LIMITED
Registered number: 1821993.
Nature of business: Haulage Company. Trade classification: 28.
Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 26 July 1993.
Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Barclays Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Paul M Davis and Derrick S Woolf (office holder nos: 007808 and 002969).
Address: Levy Gee and Partners 7th Floor, Wettern House, 56 Dingwall Road, Croydon CR0 0XH.

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ECONOMIC VIEW

France pays the penalty for trying to overstep the mark

French delusions over the importance of the franc may have contributed to the downfall, last weekend, of the ERM writes **Janet Bush**

The French press was unwise to be vitriolic about the Germans this week, describing the men of the Bundesbank as no more than petty accountants and blaming them bitterly for the wreckage in Europe after the collapse of the exchange-rate mechanism.

Such outbursts are no less wrong-headed, and a great deal more tasteful, than the jingoistic activities of the British tabloid press last September which hounded Helmut Schlesinger, the Bundesbank's president, and his wife, and wrote blatant untruths hinting at links with Nazism. It is unfortunate that it has invariably been the refuge of Europeans who refuse to face up to their own responsibilities of economic management to resort to paranoid attacks on an old enemy.

The danger of such throwbacks to the past, as Messieurs Balladur and Alphandéry knew when they gritted their teeth and smiled their way through Tuesday's Franco-German summit, is that Germany turns its back on its western European alliances and starts looking inwards and eastwards.

The French have a great deal to answer for in the breakdown of their cosy relationship with the Germans. The currency crisis flickered to life in the moment when the French, puffed up by a couple of weeks when their interest rates equalled Germany's, started talking about the anchor role in the ERM passing to the franc and declared that the Bank of France stood ready to defend the mark against all comers.

Unease simmered to boiling point when Edmond Alphandéry, France's tactless economics minister, summoned Theo Waigel, Germany's finance minister, and Herr Schlesinger to Paris to discuss co-ordinated rate cuts. The Germans, already furious, refused to attend.

By the end of last week, the French had well and truly overstepped the mark, demanding explanations from Herr Schlesinger for the Bundesbank's decision to leave its discount rate unchanged. French pressure on the German central bank to compromise on its statutory duties for political reasons was inconsistent, to say the least, with its own drive to make the Bank of France independent.

French demands were reportedly so insistent and, to the Bundesbank, so outrageous, that even those on the German central bank council who are internationally-minded allies of the French and the Maastricht process turned against Paris. It was a turning point, made of French high-handedness. As David Roche, senior strategist at Morgan Stanley, put it: "The Germans decided that they would no longer be the political pygmies of Europe."

Last Thursday's decision on interest rates and the decision by Bonn and Frankfurt to take a united stand against the demands of Paris at the weekend were the beginning of a new era of German assertiveness, bolstered by unquestioning support of the Bundesbank and domestic priorities from the German public and press.

It is no coincidence that this week Herr Schlesinger felt able for the first time to deliver a calculated insult to France. In remarks clearly directed towards French pretensions about the franc, he noted that it takes a mighty long time — 30 years — to build up the kind of credibility needed to back an anchor currency. The ten years of Mitterrand had never been enough.

Herr Schlesinger also came clean on Europe's total failure, within the forcing device of the ERM, to converge their economies. As far as Germany was concerned, he said, convergence and therefore progress towards European monetary union simply did not exist. Decoupled from its narrowly defined European duties — expensive intervention to keep the ERM together (DM60 billion last week alone), Franco-German sweet talking, constant calls to compromise its own fight against inflation — Germany now has strategic choices.

The implications for the shape of the new Europe are potentially enormous. In the immediate aftermath of the ERM debacle, another model of European development surfaced, as it happens, from British politicians. The Lawson/Lamont view of European integration was always one that widened rather than deepened Community ties with the inclusion of Switzerland, Austria, the Scandinavian countries and, crucially, the old Warsaw Pact countries.

Le Monde this week unwittingly symbolised a certain contempt among the French intelligentsia for the old eastern bloc when it criticised the new 15 per cent bands in the ERM on the grounds that they were now so wide that even the Polish zloty or the Hungarian florint might qualify for membership.

And yet the East is where Germany's traditional interests lie. German is the second language in most former eastern bloc countries and many such countries try to peg their currencies to the mark. Accelerated economic expansion to the East could be the natural result if western Europe goes down the route of competitive devaluations, protectionism and cheating on the single market.

In the immediate aftermath of the demise of the ERM, some German economists continued to insist that a move east would never fully compensate Germany for the potential fruits of a single market with western Europe. Norbert Walter, chief economist at Deutsche Bank, noted: "Integration with the East would be helpful, but fewer than 10 million Czechs and 10 million Hungarians are never going to compete with the economic weight of 60 million French and 350 million in western Europe as a whole." He believes that the Continent can stage an economic recovery only if plans for the integration of western Europe are put back on track.

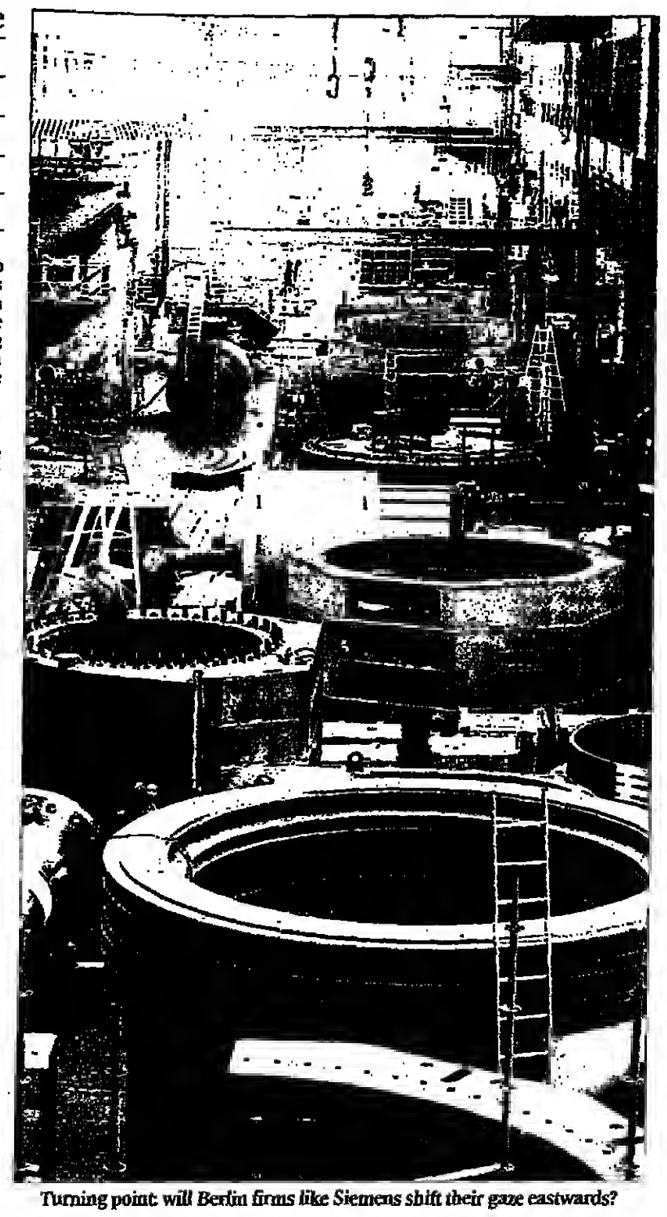
But there are many reasons why Germany may shift its gaze eastwards. First and foremost, the salvation of what is left of industry in eastern Germany has always lain with reinventing the exclusive trading links with the old Soviet bloc and much money has already been directed by Bonn towards subsidised trade deals with these countries.

Second, Germany is to the frontline of economic failure and social unrest to the east. The more stable the eastern economies become, the less likely that Germany will have to act as a European buffer zone for mass immigration. German investment in the East may mean fewer refugees in the first place and ease the political trauma of sending refugees, increasingly unwelcome in German cities, back home.

Third, with western European countries freed up by the loosening of the ERM to grab British-style competitive gains through devaluation against the mark, German companies will be looking more than ever to cut their labour costs. While capital-intensive operations will continue to be located in Germany and in western Europe, labour intensive businesses are likely to tap into the still cheap labour areas of Poland, the former Czechoslovakia and Hungary.

In the first stage, German companies get cheap labour to make products that will be consumed by the home market. As jobs are created for Poles and Czechs and they become richer, Germany then has first call on the only consumer markets in Europe not yet saturated.

Mr Roche believes Europe could now see an accelerated breakdown of its North/South relations and the substitution of East/West ones instead. The losers, if the eastern route is taken, will be Europe's current cheap labour areas such as Spain, Portugal and Ireland. Why stick a plant on the outer reaches of a Europe centred on Berlin when there are cheap labour areas closer to home?



Turning point: will Berlin firms like Siemens shift their gaze eastwards?

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Building bigger societies

SUCCESS in the financial services market largely rests on winning more customers while minimising the increase to your cost base. The proposed merger between the Leeds and National & Provincial is all about building market share. By combining forces they will control assets of £32 billion and have more than 7 million customers, making the Leeds number three in the industry.

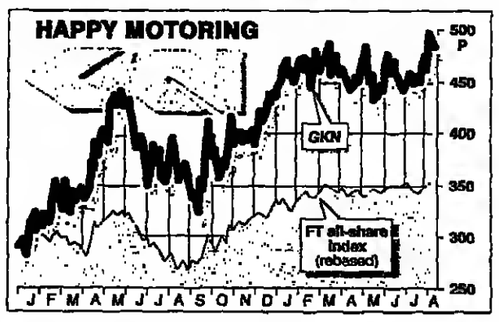
The consumer's choice on the high street is in long term decline; at the turn of the century there were over 1,700 different building societies compared with less than 100 today. That does not imply that the consumer is less well served; the battle for market share is pitching societies into increasing conflict with banks fighting to extend their portion of the mortgage market and retrieve their share of savings. Banks have been able to raise their market share during the past year by selling fixed rate mortgages, a product they can finance more easily than the societies. A fixed rate mortagage normally needs to be funded through the wholesale market since high street depositors are reluctant to lock their money in for long periods. Banks can use the wholesale markets freely for matching long-term funds whereas societies must still source most of their funds from deposits.

The building societies can still claim to be more efficient than banks; the rationalisation of branch networks in well-crafted mergers will help keep costs down. The merged group's cost/income ratio could fall to as little as 40 per cent and management would like to see it in the mid-30s. For clearing banks with cost/income ratios of 60 per cent or more, that toust seem an impossible dream.

GKN

THE fall in GKN's half-year profits and an unchanged interim dividend may seem scant reward for the investors who have driven the group's shares to such heights this year. In reality, it is a creditable performance from a group that is coping with a steep volume fall in Europe, its largest market.

A lesser component manufacturer would have suffered badly from the 15 per cent fall in European car production volumes and the 27 per cent drop in commercial vehicle production. Fortunately, the damage to GKN was limited by increased market share and a 9 per cent rise in volume in America. The £5 million fall in profits in the group's main automotive and engineering division was also countered by an improvement in the services businesses and associates. The popularity of GKN's constant velocity joints continues to increase. The group is on the verge of signing an important supply contract with Fiat, which currently manufactures its CVJs in-house. Such a deal will help the group to counter any further decline in European car output and, combined with the imminent signing of the Kuwaiti armoured car order, may provide another reason to chase GKN shares — already too expensive — yet higher. At 489p, they value the company at more than 20 times next year's potential earnings. Even the best run company does not deserve such faith, when its main market is so troubled.



Midland Bank

BY publishing one of the most opaque sets of figures the banking industry has seen in years, Midland has proved that it is now a fully-fledged member of the secretive HSBC Group. The headline leap in profits from £60 million to £385 million was enough to push HSBC's shares higher, but analysis of the figures faces a stiff obstacle course. For instance, profits from branch banking, corporate business, financial services and the enlarged treasury activities have all been lumped together under the catch-all title of commercial banking.

The £246 million rise in dealing profits suggests that much of the improvement came from the merger of Midland's treasury activities with those of the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank, as did most of the growth in the bank's assets. The underlying performance of the retail bank before bad debts looks as flat as that of its rivals.

Midland has shown many promising features since last year's takeover, including its success in recapturing market share in the small and medium-sized corporate market and the acquisitive growth of Forward Trust. But there is no evidence of these in its figures. Unless Midland can publish a more meaningful breakdown of its performance, one must question why it bothers producing separate figures from its parent at all.

Glynwed

GLYNWED International is adept at cost cutting, and another £1 millioo has been taken out of the business in first half of the year. In the past three years, the workforce has been slimmed by 2,000 to 11,500.

This attention to costs is understandable given the pessimistic economic outlook of Gareth Davies, the chairman. Sales of Glynwed's hefty consumer durables are sensitive to the volume of housing transactions and these are unlikely to do more than mark time this year.

Against such a background, Glynwed's increasing efficiency is welcome and could add up to a third to profits this year to bring them to £44 million pre-tax on a marginal increase in turnover. This will cover the 11.65p full-year dividend easily, but shareholders are unlikely to receive any increase until 1994 at the earliest, when the recovery in Glynwed's main toarkets should look rather more solid. At 304p, the shares already trade oo 22 times prospective earnings so there is little room for fast gains.

Hodder Headline

THE 152 jobs to go at Hodder Headline are the inevitable casualties when a 125-year-old family business meets modern management practices. Hodder & Stoughtoo, recently bought by Headline, was overloaded with administrative staff: 450 people ran a business with worldwide publishing turnover of £55 million, or £122,000 a head. By contrast, Headline last year generated publishing sales of £14 million with only 50 employees, £280,000 a head — 130 per cent more than Hodder.

Headline has moved unusually quickly to cure the imbalance. The takeover was only announced two months ago and heavy staff cuts are notoriously hard to achieve in friendly takeovers. When the group's administration and distribution centre are ratioonalised, it should save £3 million in a full year, enough to ensure the merger an auspicious start.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

More musical chairs in City

TEARS and revelry at Panmure Gordon, where Gerry Lieberman has quit to join James Capel after 26 years with the firm. In the ongoing round of musical chairs sweeping the City, he steps into the shoes of Terry Fearey, who is leaving Capel to join Morgan Stanley. "We're very pleased," says Peter Marsh, head of UK dealing at Capel, who aims to put Lieberman's talents to good use liaising between dealers and clients. Back at Panmure, which has grown by leaps and bounds since Big Bang, Lieberman will be chiefly remembered for an extended bout of dieting that saw him shed four stone. "We had a massive party and tried to put it back on again," says Peter Baker, head dealer and an old colleague in arms. "We're very sorry to see him go, but life is what it is." Pass the hankie.

Wry warning

AH, those golden days ... Christopher Morris, chairman of Touche Ross's insolvency division, has a wry warning for the 400-odd partners and technical staff who fall under his influence. Noting that the firm made nearly £43 million from insolvency work last year, where big assignments included Polly Peck Internaóonal and BCCI, Morris suggests there may be some correlation between the drop in the number of appointments and key factors affecting business confidence. The first major drop in appointments, in April 1992, coincided with the Tory election victory. The second, this April, followed on from the reversal of unemployment trends — an observation that sparks the comment: "Soon it is likely only to be insolvency practitioners swelling the latter numbers".

Pay gesture

HATS off to directors of Prior, the property company, for putting their money where their mouths have been in a way not often seen in British corporate life. It was revealed yesterday when the group unveiled its preliminary results that, in a year dominated by talks with Prior's bankers about debt restructuring, no director received any remuneration at all. The board said the action was to demonstrate its commitment to the survival of the company. If nothing else, the gesture will spare directors the *de rigueur* agm sport of shareholders fulminating at board pay rises in difficult times.

Absent boss

THERE was one conspicuous absence froto yesterday's briefing for the City on GKN's interim figures. Sir David Lees, the chairman and driving force behind the engineer, was nearing the end of a 12-day stay in hospital after serious injuries sustained in a car accident. Perish the thought that one of GKN's vast array of car components might have been at fault: Sir David was being driven in his Jaguar when it sustained a side-on collision with a lorry. The result was six broken ribs and an enforced exposure to hospital food. "He's running things from his hospital bed," whispered one acolyte. But the occasion was a distinctly subdued one and he was clearly missed. Also ooticeably missed, of course, was GKN's former finance director, Brian Walsh, who left almost three months ago.

Last week, the Stock Exchange sold off Market-Eye, a simplified version of its Topic financial news service. Now, the new owner, ICV, is offering to install and run Market-Eye terminals free of charge in one City wine bar chain. Anyone interested should call David Joyce at ICV on (0483) 757525.

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BUSINESS LETTERS

Case for cut-price professionals

From Mr A. M. Alfred

Sir, The £51.6 million spent so far on [the Maxwell case] professional fees, identified in the Commons select committee's report, does not imply that the normal hourly rate charged by accountants and lawyers (quoted in *The Times* as up to £120 and £191, but in fact as high as £250 and £350 in some cases) is inherently unreasonable — for their normal sort of work.

Typically, one uses a top professional on a limited basis, and a one-off payment at these high levels may be acceptable. And if not, the market provides a test of competitive rates. But when, as in the Maxwell case, the use of hours is nearly continuous, and recourse to competition is virtually barred, a very substantial discount should be offered. In some cases, an incentive discount of 30-40 per cent has been negotiated, repayable if all monies are fully recovered. I would hope that all professionals would follow this example, perhaps with a higher discount.

I suspect that a 30 per cent absolute reduction, with a further 25 per cent as an incentive, would still leave a high contribution to profits and overheads.

Yours faithfully,
A. M. ALFRED,
(A Maxwell pensioner),
15 Woodlands Road,
Surbiton,
Surrey.

Educating companies on path to growth

From Mr Brian Warnes

Sir, "CBI calls for radical change in financing of growing firms" (*The Times*, August 4). A "fundamental rethink" in the way growing businesses are financed is indeed needed, but perhaps not entirely in the way envisaged. The problem is internal to the companies concerned, not external.

The money, banks and institutions exist to provide all the funding required. What is needed is an understanding by the companies themselves of how to run their affairs to attract this funding.

In particular, where management teams are actively conscious of the need not to allow their funding to exceed twice their equity base (both rate of growth of funding and rate of growth of retained profits lie entirely in the hands of the management team), few problems are likely to be encountered.

Conversely, those who have little understanding, for instance, of what has just been said, can be almost guaranteed to encounter funding and cash flow problems as they grow, and to feel aggrieved with the banks and others who do not provide the funding (they think) they need.

The problem is thus almost entirely educational in nature, and this being so, given a bit of goodwill and ingenuity on all sides (government, banks, CBI, IoD, business schools, media, etc) should be capable, fairly quickly, of being put right.

Yours faithfully,
BRIAN WARNES,
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Clearing up mess often costs more

From Mr David Sunderland

Sir, Once, when I checked in at Frankfurt airport, my "duty-free" carrier bag escaped my clutch and the contents smashed on the floor. I was politely informed that it was my responsibility to clear up the mess, which I thought was not only impracticable but not compatible with the first-class service for which I was ticketed.

I was directed to a nearby multilingual notice which clearly stated that sweepers had to be paid extra by negotiation for clearing up extraordinary messes.

Nobody in the vicinity spoke the sweeper's tongue but as the time for boarding was close a lot of help was offered by the airline staff at the cost, I fear, of my interests apropos the bargaining. The outcome was that clearing up was more expensive than the duty-frees.

The recent correspondence about the supposedly iniquitous rates of compensation for senior executives in adverse circumstances brought my frustrating personal experience in Frankfurt to mind.

It often costs more and requires greater skill and effort to clear up a mess than it does to maintain or increase a profit. Disgruntled shareholders might wish to keep this in mind for fear that their affairs could otherwise fall into the hands of the prescribed professionals specialising in clearing up corporate messes — when costs really skyrocket.

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Practitioners now face serious challenge over insolvency fees

By Angela Mackay

INSOLVENCY practitioners are used to facing the slur of being profiteering vultures, especially whenever the huge sums spent sorting out complex international collapses hit the headlines. They now have a sober, determined critic with the clout to put the way they operate on to the serious political agenda.

The enquiry by Frank Field's Commons social security select committee into the progress of the Maxwell administrations and receiverships delved deeply and compared accountancy firms working on different companies. Its report last week was damning. The accountants and their legal advisers were branded too expensive, too slow and too unaccountable. Only Arthur Andersen emerged with much credit.

Ominously, the committee has already called for a review of the insolvency code. As the unashamed champion of Maxwell pensioners who had £460 million of their pension fund assets pilfered by the late Robert Maxwell, the committee believes the £51.6 million spent up to the end of March on four sets of insolvency work ate up far too much of the money that could be pouring back into the depleted funds.

The committee asks for independent monitors to be appointed to all insolvencies over a certain value. And it promises, or threatens: "We will continue to review this subject as our scrutiny of the Maxwell case develops".

Practitioners, naturally, oppose interference. Gerry Weiss, a former Cork Gully partner and technical director of the Society of Practitioners of Insolvency, argues that a monitor would spend most of his time second-guessing what had already been decided by the creditors' committee. He said: "In 1986, the Cork Committee, which paved the way for the Insolvency Act, proposed an ombudsman be appointed to look into genuine grievances about quality of work and unfair cost. This recommendation was not included in the act."

The profession believes that creditors' committees, which represent a cross-section of creditors, already monitor the conduct and expense of administrations and provide a forum to air grievances. The select committee fears that creditors' committees will always be dominated by banks, which want a speedy resolution and are prepared to pay more to put an early figure on payments to settle their books.

Mr Weiss still believes that an ombudsman would be "less expensive and more relevant than a monitor and is still an appropriate recommendation to put before government".

What really exercised the profession was the select committee's criticism of the fees charged so far. Mark Homan, a partner at Price Waterhouse, administrators of Maxwell Communication Corporation, put up "a spirited defence" of PW's fees, which were the most expensive at an average of £120 an hour. His firm, however, was still lashed by the report for its total fees so far of £24.8 million. PW's fees were sharply higher than the £90 an hour charged by Arthur Andersen, administrator of the private Maxwell companies, and slightly more than the £111 an hour claimed by Robson Rhodes, liquidators of Bishopsgate Investment Management, the private company that managed the pension funds. Buchler Phillips, receivers of Robert Maxwell's estate, were singled out for further investigation after the committee expressed "particular misgivings" about the £1.1 million charged for work so far.

Alan Barrett, corporate recovery partner at Price Waterhouse, said: "This criticism means we have not been very good at explaining what it is we do and how we provide good value for money. Creditors' committees are very thorough in their questions about cost and they must be satisfied for an administration to proceed. Maybe that message is not spreading widely enough."

Mr Weiss said it was unfair to look at total costs halfway into an administration without realising that the bulk of costs come in the early stages, making fees appear out of proportion. This argument is supported by John Talbot of Arthur Andersen, who said his costs have tumbled from the £1.3 million a month charged till the end of March to between £300,000 and £400,000 a month.

Putting insolvency work out to tender is one way of trying to contain costs — after all, accountancy firms already tender for tax and audit work. The profession, however, believes this does not take into account the Pandora's Box nature of insolvency. A big corporate collapse can be relatively straightforward like British & Commonwealth or complicated by fraud, as alleged at Polly Peck and Maxwell companies.

Mr Barrett said quoting or tendering could rebound on the parties trying to save money because, if the job went to the lowest bidder, assets could go untraced for the want of money to follow the trail.

Despite this danger, at least one high street bank has taken the plunge and puts all its insolvency work up for tender. Royal Bank of Scotland adopted this policy almost a year ago in cases where it is the sole or dominant bank. A spokesman said the bank asks for at least two quotes for each job and so far the scheme has produced substantial savings.

Spirited defender: Mark Homan, of Price Waterhouse, rejected criticism of excessive fees

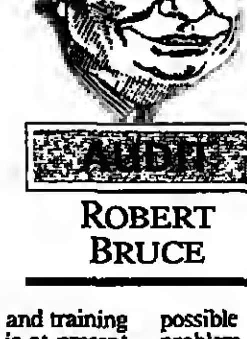
Learning to bridge gap between East and West

A VISIT to Tolstoy's house in Moscow shows what can be done. In a corner of an upstairs room his bicycle still leans against the wall. It is dark green and solid of manufacture. Generations of English postmen would recognise it as a reliable and sturdy machine. A metal plate on the front of its frame proclaims it to be "The Rover" and to have come from Meteor Cycle Works, West Orchard, Coventry.

Such small items prove that normal business relationships between Eastern Europe and the West have been possible in the past and that they should flourish in the future. The problem is the gulf between the way business methods developed behind the Iron Curtain in the intervening period and the way they developed across much of the rest of the world. The key to bridging that gulf and allowing the culture to change is a long-term effort at education.

This, ostensibly, is what the grandly titled *Foundation for Accountancy & Financial* Management, launched last week by the accountancy profession, will try to do. Its organisation and secretariat are funded by the profession. Its projects will be funded by the large accounting firms and business organisations. All that is fine.

Its problem, if it has one, may well turn out to be its aims. These are powered by all the right motives. In its background papers, the foundation says that "although policy-makers and academics in central and Eastern Europe have recognised that the transition from central planning to a market economy requires new systems of accounting and financial management, there is a pressing need to help national institutions promote a broad understanding of western theory and practice among independent professionals and among managers at all levels". It then goes on to say that "the requirement for accountancy education and training in central and Eastern Europe is at present almost limitless". This is true. The way that this demand should be satisfied divides the profession and may prove the fatal flaw in the foundation's endeavours.



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The foundation is funded and sponsored by the three main chartered bodies representing the English, Scots and Irish ICAs along with CIPFA, the public sector accounting body. All these bodies have done much to forge alliances with existing and embryo professional bodies in Eastern Europe and to provide help of differing sorts where they were able. The Association of Certified Accountants has stood apart from all this. It had already put much of its investment into distance learning programmes for its tens of thousands of overseas students.

In many ways that type of training is precisely what managers in Eastern Europe need. But throughout the period of glasnost, the chartered bodies and the certified accountants have been at loggerheads over who should do what. This is why the certified accountants are at present not part of the foundation. Sir Peter Kemp, the foundation's secretary, explained at the launch that "we will talk to them if they will talk to us". This is not a terribly good example to set the fledgling accountancy professions across the new Europe. Perhaps the chartered bodies should extend their own distance learning projects to Eastern Europe. After all, Sir Michael Lickiss, the foundation's deputy chairman, is also chairman of their Accountancy Television training initiative.

The other problem is the nature of the projects and how they are to be carried out. Sir Peter is keen to ensure that this is not seen to be the West dropping accountancy food parcels into Eastern Europe. His principle is that the work has to be done locally so that the professionals of Eastern Europe feel that they "own" the work when it is done. This is fine. The real difficulty will be in making those projects long-term enough to be valuable. No one wants to see what the large accounting firms refer to as "accountancy tourism" receiving a boost.

It is easy to provide a quick course in how western financial management systems work. It is easy for accountants to take government-funded trips to spend a week seeing what an office looks like in Tomsk or Tyneside, Gdansk or Glasgow. It is much harder to find both the people and the funds to spend a year learning how things work. Large firms are likely to release someone to help for a short while. They are unlikely to release people for years on end. In any case, the real need is for accountancy and financial management training within companies. People acting as finance directors in newly privatised enterprises need the real help. They have probably gained a snapshot of western accounting principles from a short course. What they lack is the continuity that could be gained from developing knowledge. Even distance learning is almost useless in this context without strong regional co-ordination and local back-up to provide individual help. The foundation's examples of possible projects do not fully address this problem. It talks of "participation in seminars and workshops", "assistance in the preparation or translation of training material" and "guidance on development of ethical codes".

That is all fine and worthy. But it is not the sort of good, solid practical long-term work required. The foundation has said that it "will respond promptly and sensitively to requests for assistance, with the minimum of bureaucracy". Perhaps the answer would be for commercial organisations in Eastern Europe immediately to put in requests for long-term programmes of continuing education for finance directors, and see what happens.

In the meantime, we should also heed the lesson of an anecdote that the foundation's chairman, Sir Curtis Keeble, the British ambassador to the Soviet Union from 1970-1982, told at the launch. A couple of weeks earlier he had found, side by side in a Moscow bookshop, a two-volume set of Karl Marx's works and an accountancy textbook from Harvard. The first was priced at two roubles and the second at 2,000 roubles. Sir Curtis thought this showed how much western accounting thought was valued in Moscow. It could also show how expensive and difficult it will be to pass the accounting thought on to those who need it.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A fiery performance

ROGER Lawson, deputy president of the English institute, is truly a man of many talents ... even if his family would not always agree. Lawson, a keen world traveller, thanks to his role as director of 3i, the venture capital group, likes to get away to Portugal for an annual family break. Now, word has leaked out of a scene at a karaoke bar called Smokey Joe's on the Algarve, in which Lawson took to the stage for his rendition of *Great Balls of Fire*. Source of this snippet is a certain Annabel Lawson, his 14-year-old daughter, who confessed all to *Sainsbury's The Magazine*, the supermarket chain's new monthly rag. As Annabel puts it: "I just completely denied it was my father and I had to keep a very low profile in the bar from then on." Can't wait for the next council meeting ...

Name game

WHAT do Eddie Murphy and David Mellor have in common? Steady, now, steady. The answer, of course, is that both work for hip, statesmanlike Ernst & Young. What? The fact is that Ernst has a surprising number of "famous names", including Murphy, who works in central support services, and Mellor, who works in the tax department. The list also includes Donald Sutherland, regional managing partner, southern region, David Essex, a partner in London, and bogmanay tartan tunester Andy Stewart, aka a designer in the in-house studio. There is also one Robin (ahem!) Maxwell in VAT, who confesses that he cannot swim.

Clothes by Cork

Cork Gully, run by the sartorially elegant Michael Jordan, is taking on a fashionable hue. Anyone who happens to pass through Soho in central London today or tomorrow may encounter a frenzied sale of trendy Edina Ronay brand clothing — with assistance from the pinstriped brigade. Items in the sale, at Frank Bowen, 15 Greek Street, include over 50 suits, 40 jackets, 50 skirts, 70 jumpers, tops, blouses, trousers and leotards. Prices range from £50 to £100. The stock is being sold by Cork Gully, appointed liquidator to Edina Ronay Ltd, the manufacturer, in February — not to be confused with the continuing design operations of Edina Ronay.

For this relief

At last, good news for Price Waterhouse over its auditing involvement with BCCI. It may face deep pockets lawsuits and have just lost a more modestly costly court battle to postpone an investigation by the Joint Disciplinary System, but one enquiry has given the firm a clean bill of health. The ICAEW's Audit Registration Committee says PW's current audit procedures and controls are good enough to satisfy auditing standards. Phew.

JON ASHWORTH

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BP	4,800	Gen Acc	2,300	Prudential	10,000	TSB	2,400
BT	12,000	Gen Elec	3,900	RMC	53	Tate & Lyle	796
BTR	4,700	Glaxo	3,900	RTZ	829	Tesco	2,200
Bk of Scot	3,000	Granada	1,500	Rank Org	1,300	Thames W	1,500
Barclays	3,800	Grand Met	1,900	Reckin Col	608	Thrn EMI	1,200
Bass	1,400	Guinness	1,600	Redland	958	Tomkins	2,600
Blue Circle	2,300	HSBC	5,000	Reed Intl	620	Unilever	829
Boots	4,800	Hanson	12,000	Rentokil	1,600	Utd Bisc	1,300
Bowater	1,200	ICI	4,100	Reuters	1,000	Vodafone	5,900
Brit Aero	322	Inchcape	1,900	Rothmans	655	Warburg (SG)	719
Brit Airwys	22,000	Kingfisher	3,300	Ryl Ins	4,200	Wellcome	1,500
Brit Gas	6,000	Ladbroke	8,000	Ryl Bk Scot	1,600	Whitbd 'A'	565
Brit Steel	5,300	Land Secs	650	Sainsbury	1,900	Wlms Hld	384
Burmah Cast	329	Legal & Gn	1,700	Scot Hydro	172	Wolseley	85
Cable Wire	1,200	Lloyds Bk	3,200	Scot & New	832	Zeneca	3,300

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3557.08 (-4.19)
S&P Composite .... 448.98 (-0.29)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Avge .... 20497.55 (-139.91)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 7164.20 (-47.63)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 122.8 (-0.1)

Sydney: AO .... 1861.2 (+5.8)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 1860.56 (+17.13)

FT 30 share .... 2330.3 (+0.3)

Brussels:
General .... 6837.82 (-15.40)

Paris: CAC .... 573.71 (+1.61)

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 573.70 (+4.50)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1458.84 (-0.09)
FT 500 .... 1568.94 (-2.84)
FT Gold Mines .... 231.1 (-3.1)
FT Fixed Interest .... 120.30 (+0.62)
FT Govt Secs .... 99.80 (-0.08)
Bargains 31628
SEAQ Volume 735.8m
USM (Datastrm) .... 138.49 (-0.23)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
July 26	August 6	October 28	November 8

Call options were taken out on 4/8/93: British Thornton, Essex Furniture, Excalibur, Ferranti, LIT prf, Maddox, Premier Land, Shoprite.
Puts: Blenheim, Essex Furniture, Kleeneze.
Puts & Calls: Ferranti, LIT prf.

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Alld Lyon	550	48	58	66½	9½	19½	24
(*589)	600	19	31	41	33½	45	49
Argyll	300	36½	41½	47½	5½	11	14
(*329½)	330	17½	24	30½	17	24½	27½
ASDA	57	9½	-	-	2½	-	-
(*64)	67	4	-	-	7	-	-
Boots	420	59	64	71	3½	8½	12
(*474)	460	26	36	46	14	23	26½
Br Airways	316	41	47½	-	6½	13½	-
(*339)	345	22	30	-	17	26	-
BP	300	17½	24	28½	12	17½	21
(*304)	330	6	11½	16	31½	35	38½
Br Steel	110	10½	15	18½	8	11½	13½
(*111½)	130	5½	10½	14	13½	17	18½
C & W	800	35	49½	65	32	44	50
(*793½)	850	14	25	44	66½	74½	79½
CU	629	28	-	-	19½	-	-
(*640½)	677	9½	-	-	51½	-	-
ICI	657	37	54	-	23	31	-
(*678)	681	25	41	-	36	43½	-
Kingfishr	632	29½	-	-	27½	-	-
(*636½)	650	19½	36	-	36	42½	47
Land Sec	600	51	59	70½	7½	16	22
(*633½)	650	21	31	42½	29	38½	45
M & S	330	35½	40½	46½	5	9	11
(*355½)	360	14½	22½	28½	15½	21½	23
Nat West	500	23	36	40½	20½	26	35½
(*507½)	550	5½	16	20½	56	59½	67
Sainsbury	460	35	44½	54½	13	21	25
(*475)	500	15	25	34	34	42	45½
Shell	600	52	60½	65½	6	14	22½
(*642½)	650	16½	31	37	28	35½	46
Smkl Bch	430	35	45½	54	14	23½	27
(*436½)	460	15	21	34½	32	44½	48
Storehse	200	13½	18	22	9	14	16
(*202½)	220	5	9	11	27½	26	28
Trafalgar	92	15	-	-	4½	-	-
(*100½)	101	7	-	-	7½	-	-
Unilever	950	65	79½	92	15½	26½	38
(*974)	1000	29	47	64	37	50	64
Zeneca	600	56½	67½	74½	17	19	31
(*644½)	650	23	38½	45	34	44	57½

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Oct	Puts Feb	Puts May
Grnd Met	390	39	48½	53	7½	17½	21
(*417)	420	19	30	36	19	31½	36
Ladbrke	180	22	28½	30	7	11	16½
(*199½)	200	10½	15	19½	16½	21½	27½
Utd Bisc	360	42	50	53½	8	15½	23½
(*390)	390	22	33	36½	20	29	37½

	Series	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Jan	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Jan
BAA	750	40½	65½	71	1½	14	21½
(*783)	800	4½	35	42	17½	34½	43½
Thames W	500	5½	25	29	6	23	26½
(*499)	550	1	6½	11½	53	58½	60

	Series	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Feb
BAT Ind	450	10½	31½	44	4½	11	22½
(*452½)	500	1	10½	19	48½	51½	54
BTR	360	26½	32½	40½	1	7	10½
(*387½)	390	3	14	22½	8	21	24
Br Aero	390	33½	57	71½	2	22	32
(*419½)	420	10	41	57	10½	36½	46½
Br Telcm	420	6½	15	21½	4	20	26½
(*424½)	460	1	4½	8	39	51	54
Cadbury	460	16	33	45	2	16	22
(*474)	500	1½	14	25½	28	38½	44
Guinness	460	9	29	43	5	20½	27
(*464½)	500	1	14	24	36½	45½	51
GEC	330	22	32	37½	1	5½	10
(*349½)	360	2	14½	20½	11	19	23
Hanson	220	18½	22½	26	1	5	8½
(*239)	240	2½	10½	15	5½	13½	17½
LASMO	130	8	16	20½	2	9½	13
(*137½)	140	2½	10½	16	7½	15	18½
Lucas	140	7½	15	20½	2	10½	13
(*145½)	160	1	6½	10	15½	23	26
Pilkingtn	140	4	13	14½	2½	9	11½
(*142½)	160	1	5	6½	21	23	27
Prudential	300	16	24	31	1	9½	13½
(*324)	330	1	8½	16	11	25	30
Redland	500	18½	38½	50½	3	23	29½
(*512½)	550	1	14	29	37½	53	58
Royal Ins	317	21	31½	39	1½	11	14
(*337½)	346	2½	15½	23½	13	25½	28½
Tesco	200	11	20	26½	1½	8½	0
(*208½)	220	1½	10	17	13	19	24½
Vodafone	460	24½	46	55	2	15½	23½
(*480)	500	3	24½	34	21½	35½	43½
Williams	300	28½	34	41	1	8	12½
(*325)	330	4	16	24½	7½	23	27

FT-SE INDEX (*2942)

	2800	2850	2900	2950	3000	3050
Calls						
Aug	149	100	60	29	12	4
Sep	163	118	83	53	32	19
Oct	177	139	104	75	53	36
Nov	194	157	125	95	73	53
Dec	212	-	143	-	90	-
Puts						
Aug	5½	9	18	37	73	120
Sep	15	23	38	59	90	126
Oct	25	37	53	74	102	136
Nov	36	50	67	89	117	148
Dec	49	-	80	-	128	-

	Series	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Abby Nat	390	17	30	39½	8	14	22½
(*404)	420	4	16	23	27	31	38½
Amstrad	30	5	7½	8	1	2½	3
(*34)	35	3	4½	5½	3	4½	5
Barclays	460	43	55	62	4½	12	18
(*501½)	500	12	28	39	22	29	36½
Blue Circ	260	13	21	27	10½	19	23½
(*261)	280	5	11½	18½	23½	32	35
Br Gas	300	12	18	23½	7½	15½	19
(*304½)	330	3	6	11	28	35½	38
Dixons	200	24	34½	39½	3½	8	12½
(*223)	220	12	22	28	10½	16½	21
Forte	200	19	25	30	4	9½	11
(*216)	220	7	14	19½	13	19½	22
Hillsdwn	140	12½	17½	21	4½	9½	12
(*147½)	160	3½	8	12	16½	22	24½
Lonrho	130	9	16	19½	6½	11	14½
(*131)	140	4½	11½	15	12½	16½	20
Sears	100	6	8½	11½	3	6	7
(*103)	110	2	4½	6½	10	12	13
Thrn Eml	950	31	59	70½	21	34½	46½
(*955½)	1000	11	34	47½	53½	63½	73½
Tomkins	220	17	25½	32	3½	8½	12
(*233½)	240	6	17	22	12½	18	22
TSB	200	11	18	22½	6½	11	16½
(*206½)	220	3	9½	13½	21	24	28
Wellcome	650	51	71½	86	11	33	42
(*676½)	700	22	45½	58½	36	59	66½

	Series	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Apr	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Apr
Glaxo	500	49	57	70½	7	23½	35½
(*533½)	550	18	33	46½	28½	50½	62
HSBC	650	51	72½	89½	10	27	45
(*680½)	700	22	45½	63½	31	45	68½
Reuter	1450	52	95	130	45	78	102
(*1461½)	1500	25	70	105	78	110	135

	Series	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Feb	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Feb
R-Royce	140	11	16	19	5½	12	13½
(*144½)	160	2½	8	10½	18½	24	25½

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Oct	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Fisons	160	15½	21½	25½	7½	12½	16
(*170½)	180	8	12	14	19	24½	27½

	Series	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Feb
Eastrn Elc	500	15	35	43½	3½	14	21
(*511)	550	1	12½	19½	40	43½	49

	Series	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Natl Pwr	330	30	41	44½	3	8	12½
(*353)	360	9½	23	27	14½	20½	25
Scot Pwr	330	7	16½	20½	12	17	22
(*330½)	360	1½	3½	-	28½	30½	-

August 4, 1993 Tot: 49662 Call: 27531 Put: 22131 FT-SE Call: 1562 Put: 4031

*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Sep 93	2955.0	2955.0	2935.0	2952.0	7355
Previous open interest: 53129	Dec 93	2967.0	2968.5	2962.0	2971.0	606
Three Month Sterling	Sep 93	94.33	94.33	94.26	94.26	16495
Previous open interest: 373052	Dec 93	94.64	94.67	94.59	94.65	21170
	Mar 94	94.66	94.68	94.62	94.66	3407
Three Mth Eurodollar	Sep 93	96.64	96.64	96.63	96.63	131
Previous open interest: 14395	Dec 93	96.20	96.21	96.20	96.19	217
Three Mth Euro DM	Sep 93	93.48	93.49	93.43	93.47	26679
Previous open interest: 670125	Dec 93	94.11	94.12	94.05	94.07	2511
Long Gilt	Sep 93	110-12	110-15	110-00	110-12	38383
Previous open interest: 94496	Dec 93	109-19	109-21	109-10	109-20	904
Japanese Govmt Bond	Sep 93	111.14	111.18	111.09	111.11	1573
	Dec 93	110.26	110.26	110.20	110.21	105
German Gov Bd Bund	Sep 93	96.89	96.97	96.82	96.92	76413
Previous open interest: 198990	Dec 93	97.06	97.11	97.02	97.08	1475
German Gov Bd Bobl	Sep 93	100.39	100.45	100.30	100.37	3218
Previous open interest: 27316	Dec 93				100.52	0
Three month ECU	Sep 93	93.43	93.43	93.24	93.26	2233
Previous open interest: 32182	Dec 93	94.10	94.10	93.98	94.00	1064
Euro Swiss Franc	Sep 93	95.62	95.64	95.57	95.59	3018
Previous open interest: 49888	Dec 93	95.88	95.88	95.82	95.84	794
Italian Govmt Bond	Sep 93	109.10	109.60	108.50	108.66	32561
Previous open interest: 58352	Dec 93	108.60	109.07	108.25	108.16	1246

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: Coffee is having an outstanding bull run at the moment, with London getting yet another fillip from a frost prediction in Brazilian growing areas. After a slight frost last weekend, traders are worried that this cold spell could head north in to the main coffee growing areas. Frost can destroy coffee bushes and lead to a severe reduction in output the year after it occurs.

LONDON FOX
COCOA

Sep	754-752	Dec	827-825
Dec	769 BID	Mar	842-839
Mar	786-785	May	852 SLR
May	795-794	Jul	876-869
Jul	805-804		
Sep	814-812		Volume: 5042

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Sep	1117-1115	May	1100-1090
Nov	1117-1115	Jul	1100-1088
Jan	1109 BID	Sep	1100-1088
Mar	1107-1104		Volume: 6257

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

C Czarnikow		Dec	unq
Spot unq		Mar	—
May	unq	May	—
Aug	—	Aug	—
Oct	—		Volume: 0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		May	274.0-72.8
Spot: 288.5		Aug	278.0-75.8
Oct	267.0-66.5	Oct	270.0-65.8
Dec	267.7-66.5	Dec	272.0-65.8
Mar	270.8-70.0		Volume: 678

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on August 4

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	72.79	91.48	130.49
(+/-)	-1.30	+2.24	+0.43
Eng/Wales:	72.74	93.72	129.60
(+/-)	-1.08	-2.19	+0.32
(%)	-4.6	-7.1	-7.8
Scotland:	80.90	92.65	133.97
(+/-)	+0.04	+2.21	+0.97
(%)	-39.9	-12.9	-10.0

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (£/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Aug	unq	unq	Nov	102.5	102.5
Sep	97.0	97.0			Volume: 11

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
WHEAT (close £/t)

Sep	103.90
Nov	105.15
Jan	107.05
Mar	109.05
May	111.15
	Volume: 477

BARLEY (close £/t)

Sep	98.50
Nov	100.80
Jan	103.00
Mar	105.40
May	106.50
	Volume: 139

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Aug	173.80
Oct	175.30
Dec	177.00
Feb	178.00
Apr	179.00
	Volume: 30

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	60.0
Apr	85.0	85.5
May	96.0	96.3
		Volume: 63

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
Sep 59.75-60.25

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): Physical crude demand in NWE appeared a bit more robust, thus strengthening paper.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	16.65	+0.15
Brent 15 day (Aug)	16.75	+0.20
Brent 15 day (Sep)	16.75	+0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Sep)	17.80	+0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Oct)	18.10	+0.05

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	192 (n/c)	194 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	159 (+2)	160 (+2)
Non EEC 1H Aug	160 (+2)	161 (+2)
Non EEC 1H Sep	161 (+1)	162 (+1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	59 (n/c)	61 (n/c)
Naphtha	161 (n/c)	163 (+1)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd
GAS OIL

Aug	159.25-59.50	Nov	163.75-64.00
Sep	159.50-59.75	Dec	166.00-66.25
Oct	161.50-61.75	Jan	167.50-68.00
			Vol: 9291

BRENT (6.00pm)

Sep	16.72-16.73	Dec	17.15 SLR
Oct	16.84-16.86	Jan	17.18-17.25
Nov	16.99 SLR		Vol: 16395

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Aug	183.00-84.50	Nov	unq
Sep	171.00-82.25	Dec	unq
Oct	unq		Vol: 0

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Aug 93	unq	unq	1355
Sep 93	1355	1350	1355
Oct 93	1400	1383	1400
Nov 93	1405	1400	1408

Vol: 55 lots. Open int'st: 3063 Index 1330 -3

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE — Rudolf Wolff

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1936.5-1937.0	1934.5-1935.0	818050
Lead ($/tonne)	393.50-394.00	406.50-407.00	89175
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	924.00-924.50	939.50-940.00	386125
Tin ($/tonne)	4895.0-4900.0	4945.0-4950.0	8625
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1215.0-1215.5	1237.0-1237.5	1445025
Nickel ($/tonne)	4880.0-4890.0	4935.0-4940.0	20136

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 81.7 (day's range 81.6-81.7).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Aug 4	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.8875-2.8958	2.8913-2.8948	⅛-⅜ds	¼-½ds
Brussels	53.45-54.25	53.92-54.11	n/a	n/a
Copenhagen	10.0950-10.1780	10.0970-10.1350	n/a	n/a
Dublin	1.0660-1.0686	1.0663-1.0683	1-5ds	6-13ds
Frankfurt	2.5627-2.5693	2.5654-2.5687	⅛-⅜ds	½-¾ds
Lisbon	258.70-260.90	259.00-260.80	n/a	n/a
Madrid	206.62-207.41	206.90-207.34	97-107ds	250-292ds
Milan	2393.20-2405.60	2400.10-2403.30	6-8ds	18-21ds
Montreal	1.9313-1.9376	1.9338-1.9359	0.37-0.29pr	0.66-0.47pr
New York	1.5000-1.5035	1.5020-1.5030	0.37-0.35pr	1.00-0.97pr
Oslo	11.0330-11.0930	11.0540-11.0930	¾-¼pr	1-½pr
Paris	8.8490-8.9240	8.9020-8.9240	2⅜-3⅜ds	3½-4½ds
Stockholm	11.9530-12.0510	11.9700-12.0090	1½-3ds	5-7ds
Tokyo	157.05-157.72	157.33-157.59	⅜-¼pr	1⅛-1pr
Vienna	18.04-18.12	18.08-18.12	½-1½ds	1¾-4ds
Zurich	2.2597-2.2666	2.2609-2.2640	⅜-¼pr	⅞-½pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5014-1.5041
Australia dollar	2.1829-2.1859
Bahrain dinar	0.5595-0.5715
Brazil cruzeiro *	109.68-110.96
Cyprus pound	0.7675-0.7775
Finland marka	8.622-8.738
Greece drachma	354.25-361.25
Hong Kong dollar	11.6522-11.6615
India rupee	46.68-47.64
Kuwait dinar KD	0.447-0.457
Malaysia ringgit	3.8296-3.8344
Mexico peso	4.60-4.70
New Zealand dollar	2.7215-2.7266
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.5595-5.6855
Singapore dollar	2.4236-2.4260
S Africa rand (fin)	6.7725-6.8041
S Africa rand (com)	5.0227-5.1412
U A E dirham	5.443-5.567

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4526-1.4537
Austria	12.0205-12.0290
Belgium (Com)	35.598-35.605
Canada	1.2870-1.2875
Denmark	6.7471-6.7491
France	5.9189-5.9210
Germany	1.7090-1.7095
Hong Kong	7.7542-7.7552
Ireland	1.4093-1.4103
Italy	1599.15-1599.95
Japan	104.75-104.85
Malaysia	2.5490-2.5510
Netherlands	1.9222-1.9227
Norway	7.3670-7.3690
Portugal	172.90-173.20
Singapore	1.6120-1.6130
Spain	137.75-137.95
Sweden	7.9790-7.9840
Switzerland	1.5030-1.5040

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5⅞ Low 4½ Week fixed: 5 11/16
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5⅛; 3 mth 5⅜. Sell: 2 mth 5 5/16; 3 mth 5 5/16.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5 7/32-5 5/32	5 7/32-5⅛	5⅜-5 5/16	5¼-5 7/16	
Sterling Money Rates:	6-5⅞	5 15/16-5 11/16	5¾-5⅝	5¾-5 11/16	5 13/16-5⅝
Interbank:	6-5⅞	5 15/16-5 11/16	5⅞-5¾	5¾-5 11/16	5 11/16-5⅝

Overnight: open 6¼, close 4½.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	5 15/16	n/a	5⅞	5¾	5¾
Sterling CDs:	5⅞-5 13/16	5 27/32-5 25/32	5 27/32-5 25/32	5 25/32-5 23/32	5¾-5⅝
Dollar CDs:	3.07-3.04	n/a	3.16-3.13	3.37-3.34	3.65-3.62
Building Society CDs:	5 15/16-5⅞	5⅞-5 13/16	5 13/16-5¾	5 25/32-5 23/32	5¾-5⅝

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: July 30, 1993. Agreed rates Aug 25, 1993 to Sept 25, 1993. Scheme III: 7.26%. Reference rate July 1, 1993 to July 30, 1993 Scheme IV & V: 6.009%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3⅛-2⅞	3 3/16-2 15/16	3 5/16-3 3/16	3½-3⅜	3⅛-2⅞
Deutschemark:	6⅝-6½	6⅝-6½	6 11/16-6 9/16	6 9/16-6 7/16	7⅛-6⅞
French Franc:	13-11	9⅝-9⅜	7⅞-7⅝	6⅞-6⅝	10-9
Swiss Franc:	5-4⅝	4 13/16-4 11/16	4⅝-4½	4⅜-4¼	5-4
Yen:	3⅛-3	3⅛-3	3 3/16-3 1/16	3⅛-3	3⅛-2⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $402.35-402.75 Close: $401.55-402.05 High: $403.70-404.20
Low: $399.00-399.50 Krugerrand: $400.50-402.50 (£265.50-267.50)

Sovereigns: Old $94.00-96.00 (£62.00-64.00) New $94.00-96.00 (£62.00-64.00)

Platinum: $419.00 (£279.05) Silver: $5.34 (£3.55) Palladium: $144.25 (£96.05)

Small losses on the day

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began August 2. Dealings end August 13. §Contango day August 16. Settlement day August 23. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
425	345	Abbey Ntl	404	+ 2	11.5	3.6	15.4
265	179	Allied Irish	265	+ 2	...	4.3	13.5
183	130	Ass New 2	182	...	...	2.6	...
300½	271½	Bankinvestco	292½ †	- 12½	...	...	...
238	177	Bk of Ireland	238	+ 3	...	2.6	17.0
250	325	Bk Lenani UK	350 †	...	17.0	6.1	...
162	116½	Bank Scotland	161	+ 1	4.5	2.3	32.1
502	362	Barclays	502	+ 3	...	2.8	...
4½	2	Benchmark	3½	...	...	...	...
21	15½	Carliale	18½	½	...	...	...
520	395	Cater Allen	520	+ 5	27.0	6.5	...
126	85	Castles	130	+ 1	...	3.9	17.7
2450	1787½	Chase Manh	2150¼	+25	...	...	...
2237½	1343½	Citicorp	2212¼	-25	...	...	...
305	250	Close Bros	390	+ 1	...	3.6	17.4
£125½	97½	Commerzbk	£122½	...	...	2.3	...
£304½	£255½	Deutsche Bk	£287½	...	...	3.1	...
94	45	First Nat Fin	38	+ 1	...	...	...
1634	278	Fuji Bank Y	1634	...	...	0.5	∞
485	343	Gerrard Nat	453	...	21.5	5.9	13.6
691	490	HSBC	690	+19	19.0	5.4	16.5
677	474	HSBC HK	675	+19	19.0	2.3	16.2
375	343	Hambros	371	- 4	14.0	4.7	17.1
363	313	Joseph (L)	348 †	...	16.6	0.6	...
155	96	King Shaxson	131	...	8.0	8.2	...
460	312	Kleinwort Ben	460	+ 3	10.6	4.8	15.0
591	492	Lloyds	537 †	- 5	18.4	4.3	15.4
87	63	Lon Scot Bk	84	+ 3	3.6	4.5	16.7
481	322	Nat West Bk	472	- 9	...	4.3	18.4
511	398	Nat West	509	- 1	17.5	4.4	20.5
440	330	Provident	410	+ 2	11.4	2.2	17.8
47	39	Rea Bros	41	...	0.5	1.5	43.6
305	207	Ryl Bk Scot	250	...	8.8	3.5	...
1128	467½	Schroders	1128	+10	...	1.2	22.5
895	576	Stand Chart	250	...	20.0	3.9	...
207	145½	TSB	207	+ 3	6.4	3.9	...
126	38	Dalton Disc	126	+ 3	...	...	...
777	525	Warburg SG	764	- 1	...	3.1	19.3
269	185	-do- 6% 'A'	267½	...	...	2.8	...
7890	4943½	Wells Fargo	5612½	...	...	1.4	...
164	121	Westpac	163	- 1	...	4.1	...
230	185	Wintrust	240	...	9.3	5.0	∞

BREWERIES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
646	517	Allied-Lyons	583	+ 6	...	4.3	12.3
647	441	Bass	678	- 5	18.0	4.9	10.4
299	189	Boddingtons	268	...	7.3	5.4	13.6
439	362	Bulmer (HP)	434 †	...	...	3.6	16.5
159	126	Burnmed Brw	140	...	4.7	4.6	11.7
372	261	Devenish (JA)	372	...	7.8	2.5	19.0
109	75	Eldridge F 'A'a	102	...	...	4.0	37.0
68½	50	Fosters Brewing	56	- 1½	...	4.8	7.6
485	338	Fuller Sm 'A'a	398	+ 3	7.4	2.3	19.0
409	303	Grand Met	416	+ 1	12.3	2.7	13.7
427	347	Greenalls Grp	359	- 1	11.7	4.1	11.9
563	505	Greene King	581	+ 2	...	3.2	13.6
516	437	Guinness	465	- 2	...	3.2	16.6
381	330	Hardy Hansd	348	+12	7.0	4.0	13.8
128	105	Henekiens	115	...	3.8	2.3	27.4
342	255	Highland Dist	339	+11	6.6	2.2	22.5
3130	2538	Holt J	2825	...	41.0	1.6	19.1
58	33	Hooker Bew	58 §	...	...	...	40.1
332	250	Invergordn Dist	279	+ 9	...	3.1	12.6
186	157	Macallan-Glen	162	+ 3	0.9	6.7	36.4
466	375	Macdn Martn 'A'	390	...	...	2.6	13.6
835	665	Mansfield	783	...	...	2.5	14.0
283	231	Morgan Temp	275	...	3.1	2.5	16.6
432	328½	Matthew Clark	430	...	...	2.6	...
390	283	Mrydwn W	393	+10	7.0	3.5	∞
545	455	Morland	525	...	8.4	3.0	20.9
12	6½	Paramount a	10	½	...	3.1	19.7
163	145	Regent Inns	167	+ 2	...	5.4	16.7
975	753	SA Breweries	944	-30	...	3.9	15.7
482½	408	Scot & Newc	445 †	- 2	...	4.7	13.8
225	181	Tisunami Cider	205 †	- 4	0.6	3.7	16.7
248	213	Vaux Group	240	...	9.3	4.9	16.5
261	225	Wetherspoon PLC	276	...	...	2.2	22.3
512	435	Whitbread 'A'	505	...	...	4.4	13.7
1190	250	-do- 'B'	1115	...	...	2.6	18.0
613	465	Wolvrhmptn D	518	+ 5	11.4	5.0	14.4
515	475	Young 'A'	478	...	14.5	2.8	19.8

BUILDING, ROADS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
115	73	Abbey	110	...	...	1.5	30.7
27	13	Aldershawe	18	...	...	...	...
123	67	Allen	114	...	...	2.3	25.8
56	46	Amec	93	+ 3	3.0	4.1	17.0
10½	4	Anglia Sec	10½	+ 1½	...	...	...
381	155	Ashtead	381	...	4.5	5.4	∞
142	101	Atkinsons	105	...	3.8	6.1	14.9
240	182	BPB Ind	229	...	...	4.1	39.4
69	37	Baggeridge Brk	74	- 1	3.1	5.3	24.9
31	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	25½	...	0.5	...	...
105	74	Barratt	105	...	1.2	1.5	18.7
59	32½	Bardon	42	- 1½	2.6	6.6	20.7
158	94	Barratt Devs	155	- 3	2.6	1.6	17.3
412	306	Bellway	397	+ 6	...	2.8	23.0
33	15	Bellwinch	33	+ 1	...	...	...
425	295½	Berkeley Gp	408	...	...	1.8	23.6
85	45	Bett Bros	85	+ 2	...	0.7	3.5
63	26	Blackleys	51	...	1.0	3.5	56.3
273	169	Blue Circle	261	...	...	2.4	...
285	220	Bovis (Hldg)	276	...	5.9	3.7	15.4
106	78	Brendon PLC	89	...	4.0	6.5	21.5
127	82	Br Dredging	116	...	2.3	3.6	25.7
63	45	Brit Fittings	66	...	1.5	3.2	...
151	58	Bryant	136	+ 4	4.8	4.4	29.1
81	33	CALA	36	...	2.5	...	...
286	205	CRH	284	+ 2	...	3.5	18.0
43	21	Calcbreaid Rhy	21	...	...	...	...
45	33	Cassain	33½	...	...	...	...
138	86½	Crabtree/ale	129	...	...	4.0	34.1
38	30	Crest Nicholson	60	...	0.6	...	...
94	28	Cussins	92	...	...	...	...
3½	1½	Dunlone	2½	...	...	...	...
25	15	Edmond Hldgs	17	+ 1	0.5	3.7	...
260	176	Epwin	254	...	6.8	5.2	21.5
51	33	Erlon	43	...	0.3	1.0	...
443	252	Eve Groupa	423 †	...	...	3.0	∞
6½	3½	Explaurora	3½	- ½	...	...	...
140	97	Freeman Gpa	129 †	- 1	...	4.0	20.5
50	38	Galliford	40½	- ½	4.8	...	16.3
78	22	Gibbs & Dandy	54	...	...	...	...
915	695	Gleeson (M.J)	910	...	13.7	1.6	14.8
125½	66	Hewden-Stuart	125½	+ ½	...	3.2	28.5
51	28	Heweston	46	...	...	3.5	33.4
311	186	Heywd Wim	304	- 4	12.5	5.1	...
166	37	Higgs & Hill	93	- 3	2.5	3.4	...
35	26	How Gp	28	...	...	6.7	...
19	15	Howard Hldgs	18	...	0.5	2.5	...
83	39	Hostock Johnsen	65	...	1.0	1.9	...
19	12½	Jarvis	18	...	...	...	...
278	196	Laing (J)	272	...	9.0	4.1	10.9
112½	103	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	112½	+ 2	...	7.1	...
82	55	Lt Clydesdale	78	- 1	4.5	7.2	29.4
23	10½	Lovell (Y.J)	14½	+ ½	...	0.6	...
320	240	Manders	315	...	9.0	5.0	19.3
143	93	Marley	143	...	4.8	3.7	41.9
95	67	Marshalls	92	...	...	5.4	63.4
175	122	Maunders (J)	158	...	4.9	3.9	14.5
114	98	McAlpine (A)	201	...	6.5	4.0	34.8
60	22	McCarthy & S	54	+ 3	0.5	...	...
388	273	Meyer Int	363	+ 3	...	5.4	36.4
129	63	Mowlem (J)	111	+ 1	4.0	4.3	...
109	51	NSM	109	- 2	...	...	...
53	48	Needler A	48	...	...	3.7	23.3
169	166	Newman Tuks	168	...	...	5.9	22.4
300	197	Persimmon	266	...	8.6	4.0	27.1
31	20	Phoenix Timber	25	...	...	...	...
1625	1237½	Pochin	1525	...	20.0	2.4	9.3
146	80	Prowting	124	+10	2.4	3.4	...
6½	3½	Quilligotte	3½	...	...	...	...
815	535	RMC Gp	791	- 1	...	3.2	31.1
117	75½	Raine Ind	85	+ 1	6.0	9.0	14.2
56	70	Ramuse	22	...	...	...	...
331	408	Redland	513	+ 3	25.0	6.1	20.9
79	64	Roskel	77	...	4.8	7.0	11.3
296	207	Rugby Group	273	- 1	6.4	3.0	20.9
42	33	Sw'fd-Eve a	41	...	...	...	...
113	68	Sharpe & Fisher	110	...	...	4.5	19.1
183	85½	Sheffield Ind	183	...	...	3.7	44.9
124	82	Sheriff Hldgs	124	...	...	2.6	16.5
95	66	Shorrock	72	...	...	9.0	16.4
228	166	Smart (J)	205	...	8.5	5.2	9.5
6½	2½	Starmin	3½	-1	0.2	11.5	∞
144	103	Tarmac	143	- 1	2.5	4.8	...
194	137	Tay Homes	154	- 3	2.8	4.7	0.5
142	63	Taylor Woodrow	112	...	1.0	1.1	...
618	433	Tilbury Douglas	585	+ 1	53.0	7.1	19.0
36	19	Turex Fitness	37	...	1.4	...	...
246	168	Travis Perkins	234	- 1	5.0	4.3	41.3
40	36	Tty Group	39	...	1.0	5.2	9.3
28	26	Tudorw	26	...	...	1.5	...
74	41	Vibroplant	46	+ 1	3.5	4.8	25.3
65	26	Ward Hldgs	51	+ 2	...	...	...
36	36	Waterhouse	36	...	...	...	...
475	305	Watts Blake	435	...	...	3.4	18.8
26	8	Wessex a	26	...	...	...	...
133	66	Westbury	142	- 2	2.6	4.4	22.2
11	5	Wiggins	9 §	...	...	...	...
461	371	Wilson Bowden	390	...	8.7	2.7	33.4
205	147	Wilson (C)	174	- 2	3.9	2.5	30.1
190	104	Wimpey G	109	+12	...	5.2	...
47	36	YRM	54	...	0.5	1.8	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	463	ADT	560	- 3	...	...	...
228	198	Adam & Harvey	208	...	12.6	7.3	∞
93	56	Air London a	66	...	6.7	2.6	16
56	37	Aitken Lakes	51	...	2.0	4.9	...
178	125	AWG Sec	150	- 4	...	4.3	27.8
130	64	BET Ord	136	+ 1	...	3.1	5.2
93	41	BNB Res	88	...	4.0	7.0	...
318	258	BPP	394	+ 1	8.0	5.4	16.5
285	200	Barbour Index	200	...	5.0	5.0	∞
15	8	Bousted	21	+ 1	0.7	4.2	...
265	184	BTR Data Mgt	229	...	...	2.2	19.1
118	78	Brondcastle	24	...	...	...	...
73	54	Brooks Service	66	+ 1	...	...	...
104	86	CRT Gp	98	...	2.6	3.8	∞
178	139½	Capita Group	166	- 3	...	1.8	24.9
45	31	Castec Plc	42	+ ½	...	2.4	10.6
53	18½	Chiltern Capital	18½	+ ½	...	...	...
51	29	Christie	45	...	...	...	...
340	229	Cindo Sec	334	+ 1	...	1.8	20.7
66	18	Comaca	65	...	...	2.3	21.2
36	6½	Corp Services	26	+ 1	...	...	...
52	33	Costs Contig	49	...	...	...	...
107	58	Dart	107	+10	5.2	3.9	14.3
252	198	Davis Service	232	...	...	4.2	17.5
104	85	EW Faca	91	...	4.2	5.9	56.4
28	11	Gardiner	27	...	0.6	...	10.6
246	215	Hays	239	...	4.6	5.4	23.5
220	174	Hogg Robinson	213	+ 3	...	3.9	13.2
70	36	Holmes Protecm	37	...	...	...	2.4
166	127	Hunch Whamp	182	- 3	...	2.6	15.5
1975	475	ISS B DKr	1925	...	...	2.3	3.5
637	519	Inchcape	545	+ 3	...	3.5	19.0
863	669	Johnson Clean	823	- 1	35.7	3.9	18.0
13	2½	Lep	8½	...	...	...	...
244	173	Mitie Gp	230	+ 3	3.5	1.8	∞
1187	893	Manpower	990	...	...	...	...
31½	40½	Michael Page	31½	+ ½	1.0	4.4	21.9
229	100	Pennza	190	...	...	6.6	7.1
4½	2	Prime Peopleo	2½	...	...	...	...
142	50	Proudfoot Alex	130	+ 3	...	12.6	0.6
423	338	RCO	339	...	12.5	3.2	11.5
114	100	RSA	100	...	4.0	2.6	...
103	43	Reed Executive	98	...	...	...	...
156	110	Reliance Secs	110	...	...	2.3	∞
238	178	Remotdi	198	+ 2	5.2	1.5	24.4
283	220	Robt & Nolan	223	- 1	...	4.0	12.6
399	334	Salvesen (C)	389½	+ 9	...	2.7	14.5
35	26	Scott Pickford a	27	...	...	3.7	2.6
343	164	Securicorp	330	...	...	4.2	12.6
6½	5	Select Appa	5½	...	...	...	...
993	695	Serco Gp	988	...	14.0	1.8	37.3
352	135	Sherwd Cmpa	144	- 1	...	0.1	4.2
136	66	Stretchley	68	...	...	3.8	22.4
305	182	Warner Howard	227	...	6.5	2.5	18.9
45	33	Welpac	35	...	...	...	...
26	14	Wills Gp	22½	...	...	0.5	32.1

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	210	Allied Colloids	243	...	...	2.2	21.4
838	613	Amersham	825	- 4	...	2.0	28.5
7	1½	Anglo Ind	2	...	...	...	...
£1002½	£325	BASF DM	£887½	...	...	2.3	...
283	190	BTP	330	+ 6	...	4.2	14.6
£119	£101½	Bayer DM50	£114½	...	...	4.6	...
178	134	Blagden	156	...	0.5	7.6	16.8
166	93	Brent Chemis	102	...	...	9.1	9.2
330	345	Br Bio-Tech	350	...	...	...	...
36	12	Calgl Gp	14½	½	...	11.5	40.3
153	126	Canning (W)	130	...	7.2	7.0	14.0
608	504	Courtaulds	566½	...	...	3.1	15.0
395	228	Croda	288	- 1	...	2.4	18.8
149	121	Deeflex	138	...	4.6	4.2	10.6
219	175	Ellis & Everard	209 †	...	7.0	8.2	∞
53½	15½	Fum Colour	52½	...	0.6	3.1	19.9
309	259	Halstead (J)	309	...	...	2.4	15.2
241	194	Hickson	213	- 1	...	4.7	19.7
£114½	£850	Hoechst	£402	...	...	3.3	...
225	198	Holliday Chem	211	...	...	3.5	19.4
710	505	ICI	676½	+ 4½	...	5.1	...

DRAPERY, STORES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
107	33	Alexon	61 †	+ 1	...	6.1	...
87	43	Amber Day	66	...	3.1	6.0	17.8
330	257	Argos Plc	330	+ 1	...	2.7	28.3
25	12	Ashley Group	15½	+ ½	...	4.5	...
118	69	Ashley (Laura)	105	+ 3	6.1	0.1	...
305	278	Asprey	305	...	5.1	2.3	20.1
124	94	Austin Reed	118	...	...	2.6	...
153	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	148	...	...	5.1	14.9
121	94	Bentalls	99	...	1.9	5.4	...
270	208	Bernwood	305	+ 5	...	1.0	31.1
26	23	Blacks Leis	31	+ 1	2.3	0.5	...
227	133	Body Shop	218	+ 2	...	1.0	28.1
15½	7½	Brown & Jackson	15½	...	...	0.6	7.7
401	318	Brown (N)	378	...	...	2.3	22.2
87½	64½	Burton	78	+ 1	...	3.5	...
145	126	Camera	142	...	...	5.4	18.9
305	250	Church	343	...	12.5	4.0	30.5
163	56	Clinton Cards	140	...	4.2	3.6	16.9
248	212	Costa Vyrdis	245	+ 1	...	2.0	28.8
112	78	Colourvision a	66	...	3.6	7.5	16.7
680	374	Courts Furnish	676	...	2.3	1.0	8.4
155	115	Crown Eye a	133	...	5.4	6.4	...
136	09	Dalry Farm Ind	114	...	2.6	18.1	...
78½	54½	Dewhirst (J)	77	+ ½	1.0	1.8	24.7
281	189	Dixons Grp	223	+ 6	...	2.8	...
413	330	Dunhill	250	- 1	8.1	2.9	13.6
23	12½	ERA Gp	16	...	...	...	...
330	400	Elys (Wimbldn)	505	...	16.0	4.1	16.9
183	71	Essex Farm	133	+ 3	...	5.2	35.9
255	203	Etam	254	...	6.0	5.4	22.2
599	499	Fine Art Dev	599	+ 4	12.7	2.7	19.6
30	26	Fired Earth Tiles	37	...	...	...	...
543	498	Formfactor	538 †	...	14.0	2.3	∞
138	34	French Conna a	126	-12	...	...	...
66	43	Gent SR	66	...	...	2.6	23.9
09	53	Goldsmiths Gp	56	...	...	0.5	6.7
3625	2400	GUS	3613	...	...	1.5	20.3
2038	1563	-do- 'A'	1985	- 6	...	2.8	15.4
31	31	Hampden Grp a	21	...	...	1.4	15.7
277	26	Harmony	66	+ 5	...	8.8	...
39½	36	Helene Plc	38	...	3.6	10.5	11.3
36	36	Heritage a	36	...	...	...	...
63	36	Honeycombe	46	+ 2	...	1.9	9.4
123	63	Jacquer Vert	122	...	5.0	2.1	∞
650	498	Kingfisher	677	- 9	...	3.7	20.9
74	42½	Leslie Wise Gp	36	...	4.0	7.3	14.1
685	495	Liberty	610	...	7.5	1.5	7.8
230	241	Lloyds Chem	230	...	5.5	2.3	0.5
182	130	MFI	143	+ 3	...	2.3	28.5
301	31	Marks Spencer	355½	+ 3½	...	2.5	14.3
507	445	Menzies (John)	502	+ 2	...	2.3	14.0
225	135	Moss Bros	225	...	2.3	3.1	20.4
103½	139½	Next	193½	+ 2½	2.5	1.6	22.1
40	15	Oliver (G)	32	...	...	...	...
278	197	Orthopaedic Ind	278	+ 8	...	4.4	∞
66	44½	Pentos	65	...	1.5	4.3	9.4
313	185	QS Hldgs	210	...	5.1	3.1	13.0
41½	11	Ramsey Group	34½	+ ½	...	...	...
51	20½	Rohtsn Grp a	33½	...	...	...	...
181	135	Sherwood Gp	147	...	...	2.3	13.5
108	93	Sears	103½	+ ½	...	4.8	...
400	303	Smith WH 'A'	444	+12	13.4	2.8	15.6
6½	4	Speckleyes a	12	...	...	...	...
319	176	Stonehouse	203	+ 2	...	1.1	26.2
191	148	T & B Stores	156	...	3.9	4.7	11.6
305	71	Tie Rack	135	+ 3	1.0	0.9	22.1
220	166	Time Products	305	+ 3	7.5	4.6	17.0
100	63	Usher (Peanie)	98	+ 1	...	0.3	7.6
45	27	Vivat	∞	- 1	1.6	3.7	10.5
40	34	Wensum a	34	...	...	6.7	...
120	78	Wicker	115	+ 1	...	...	51.0
78	45	Wid of Leathers a	66	...	...	...	...
166	146	Wyevale	163	...	...	3.7	26.2
4	2½	Xrit-Vision a	3½	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
176	134	ACT Group	175	- 1	...	3.6	17.6
240	203	Acta	231	...	...	2.4	16.2
162½	38	Acorn Comp a	109	- 3	...	...	95.2
480	385	Admiral	442	...	5.4	1.5	18.7
151	104	Alba	151	...	...	4.1	16.5
48	19½	Alphameric	37	...	...	...	...
38½	33	Amstrad	34	½	0.4	...	...
128	66	App Holos a	63	...	...	...	...
38	12	Arfen	37	+ 1	...	...	...
69½	35½	Aster	09	...	...	...	1.1
293	250	Beales Hanner	258	+ 4	9.4	4.7	∞
9	3½	Bennett & Fount	5½	½	...	...	...
435	319	BICC	430	- 2	19.2	3.6	29.1
575	447	Blick	440	...	9.2	2.5	17.5
1700	1150	Borland a	1250	...	...	...	...
349	234	Bowthorpe	349	+ 1	6.3	2.3	22.8
445½	376	BT	423½	- 1	...	4.7	19.1
161	156	BT PP	170½	- 1½	...	4.4	20.7
11½	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	11½	...	6.1	1.1	...
166	110	Burnfield	158	...	5.7	3.5	33.8
820	669	Cable Wireless	794	+ 5	...	2.3	25.5
21½	11½	Chloride	20½	...	...	...	...
258	229	CML Micro a	253	...	...	2.3	18.4
112	74	Compir People	112	- 1	0.6	6.7	...
164	109½	Cray Elect	152 †	...	...	1.2	15.4
397	243	Critchley	365 †	...	...	1.9	∞
551	414	Delta	547	- 3	...	3.5	22.5
340	205	Dennaris Elec	340	...	...	3.2	14.5
620	397	Domino	398	...	7.2	2.3	15.0
68	48	Dowding Mnlk	58	...	2.8	2.4	19.1
1040	865	Dtech a	1025	...	10.0	1.2	∞
442	358	Electrocomponts	441	...	...	3.5	18.0
580	490	El Data Prc	550	...	5.1	1.2	15.1
160	43	Electron House	108	...	2.6	3.1	∞
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598	442	Eurotherm	582 †	...	8.0	1.7	36.5
152	108	FKI	149	...	...	2.5	21.6
446	340	Farnell Elect	442	...	...	1.8	23.4
96	33	Feedback a	95	...	...	2.1	11.7
18	9½	Ferranti	11½	- ½	...	...	...
254	101	First Tech	347	...	1.0	0.5	∞
270	81	Forward Gp a	265	...	...	1.6	24.0
21	16	Forward Tech	20	...	...	...	...
257½	264	GEC	349	- 6	...	3.3	17.7
183	133	Graseby	183	+ 2	...	7.4	38.5
11½	7½	Graystone	9	...	...	...	...
39	36	Hildiarea	36	...	...	1.7	11.7
168	83	INSTEM a	145	...	...	2.7	10.4
388	320	Jones Stroud	363	+ 8	8.0	3.1	∞
19	8	Kentronics	18 †	...	0.1	1.2	...
323	260	Kenwood App	304	...	5.0

MUSIC page 30
The young Russian conductor Yakov Kreizberg makes a stunning Proms debut

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THEATRE page 31
Can George C. Wolfe win back audiences at the ailing New York Shakespeare Festival?

CINEMA: **Geoff Brown** on a wimpish Tom and Jerry, turtles past their view-by date, and other grown-up stuff

Th-th-that's all too cute for words, folks!

Ever since studio executives noticed the millions raked in by *Home Alone*, *The Little Mermaid* and their kin, family entertainment has been back in fashion. New cartoon features sprout almost monthly. Children's classics such as *The Secret Garden* and *Black Beauty* are bouncing back. Warner Brothers has devised a new trademark for films deemed safe for toddlers: Bugs Bunny leans beside the Warner shield, munching a carrot.

What is safe for toddlers, however, may not be safe for accompanying adults. The trade paper *Moving Pictures UK* informed us last week that television advertising for **Tom and Jerry: The Movie** had been targeted at "four- to nine-year-olds with a female bias". The marketing bods were wise not to aim any higher: any viewers who remember Tom and Jerry in their prime would scarcely recognise these measly creatures as the sworn enemies who fought tooth and claw in MGM's cartoons.

For a start, they talk. This is vandalism, like making Harpo Marx talk. They talk such rot, too. "A cat and a mouse, friends? That's disgusting!" Tom sneers in alley-cat tones. Yet become friends they do, after a wrecking ball destroys their domestic nook and they join the street's homeless menagerie. "We kinda blend together, coffee and cream, boy what a team!" they sing.

Enter the plot. Like the Marx Brothers in their later comedies, Tom and Jerry's function is not so much to cut noisy capers as to help the lovely, distressed heroine. She is Robyn, the girl next door with golden hair, headband, jeans and floppy T-shirt. She is also a runaway, trying to escape from an evil guardian with hooks into her trust fund. The new-look Tom and Jerry almost slobber over the girl; the originals would have eaten her.

Admittedly, when you have to fill 84 minutes rather than seven, you cannot rely on visual gags alone. Hence the profusion of supporting characters, from crooked veterinarian Dr Applecheek to Ferdinand, the screen's fattest, unfunniest dachshund. Hence the dance routines and six cloying songs by Henry Mancini and Leslie Bricusse.

But the result is so bland and undistinguished that you are left with the worst of both worlds: a film that catches neither Tom and Jerry's old antic spirit nor the new fashion for tuneful, traditional animation (as in *Beauty and the Beast*). Phil Roman, a veteran of television cartoons, directed; Joe Barbera, Tom and Jerry's co-creator, served as "creative consultant", possibly from a safe distance.

Tom and Jerry date back to 1940. The Mutant Ninja Turtles are now only 11 years old, but, judging by **Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles III**, their personal appeal is starting to fade. True, they still say "Dude" and "Cool!", but their hunger for pizza barely surfaces, and writer-director Stuart Gillard cannot wait to whisk them from their New York sewer home to a numbingly mundane adventure in 17th-century Japan.

> **Tom and Jerry: The Movie**
> MGM Trocadero, U
> **Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles III**
> MGM Trocadero, PG
> **Nuit et Jour**
> Renoir, 15
> **The Last Bolshevik**
> ICA Cinematheque
> **The Snapper**
> Plaza, 15

With the lead performers hidden from sight in green suits, Stuart Wilson makes the best impression as an English adventurer selling arms to a nasty warlord. But pantomime villainy is scarcely enough to give the movie individuality. If this is the best the filmmakers can do, the Turtles are likely to join the Cabbage Patch dolls on the heap of discarded toys.

Adults on the loose during the summer need sustenance too, although distributors sometimes forget it. **Nuit et Jour** is a film by Chantal Akerman, the Belgian feminist whose rigorous oeuvre began with a feature called *Je, Tu, Il, Elle*. Luckily she has unbent a little: *Nuit et Jour* almost recalls the films of Eric Rohmer in its inquisitive look at young love. And whatever its faults, it is always a pleasure to watch.

As if to signal their close bonding, the characters' names all begin with J. Julie and Jack, new to Paris, spend their days making love. At night Jack is employed as a cab driver, sharing his car with Joseph, who works the day shift. Unwittingly, Jack also starts sharing Julie with Joseph. She believes she can love them both without hardship; but events prove her wrong.

Only in France could people endlessly discuss their feelings. Akerman's camera catches them in full flight; Guilaine Londez's Julie is particularly ebullient, so beady-eyed and beaming that she becomes a mild irritant.

Although the cast of tangled lovers bring Rohmer to mind, an important difference remains. Rohmer allows you to get close to the characters: you care what happens. Here, after a point, you do not. Akerman directs with clear deliberation, and by the time Julie's ménage à trois unravels, your interest lies more in the careful framing and the gliding camera than the characters' beating hearts.

More grown-up cinema arrives in **The Last Bolshevik**, a fascinating video portrait by Chris Marker of the Russian director Alexander Medvedkin, best-known for *Happiness*, his riotous, lyrical silent comedy of 1934. This is no conventional trudge through clips, photos and talking heads: Marker sometimes juggles his imagery like a poet, philosopher or clown, but always like a complete film-maker.

Although his films suffered official censorship, Medvedkin was no heroic, suffering artist. He won the Lenin Prize; he filmed May Day processions, and never once questioned his communist beliefs. As Medvedkin's bizarre life is untangled, from his birth in 1900 through the October Revolution, civil war and Stalin to his death on the crest of perestroika, an entire century and ideology comes under Marker's quizzical gaze. To supplement the screenings, the ICA is also showing *Happiness* itself and Marker's dazzling portrait of Japan, *Sans Soleil*.

Come on, guys, kiss and make up: older viewers of a sensitive nature may be upset by certain scenes in *Tom and Jerry: The Movi*

Finally, to Britain. Stephen Frears' BBC film of Roddy Doyle's **The Snapper** has already played on television, where it seems most at home: on the cinema screen, the persistent close-ups can get wearing. Not that you want Hollywood velvet for Doyle's rollicking Dublin family, who shout too much, drink too much, watch too much television, and occasionally vomit over a sinkful of dirty dishes.

Although fluently made, *The Snapper* cannot match the visual standard of Frears's earlier television work. Two performances make the cinema transfer worthwhile. Tina Kellegher impresses as the pregnant daughter Sharon, who keeps the baby's father a mystery while chaos erupts all around. But the film is stolen by Colm Meany as Dessie, the breezy father of six who gets most of the author's best lines and rediscovers love and tenderness on the way to the delivery room.

For British cinema's past glori make your way to the Oderge Haymarket, where eight David **Lean** films are being revived. Te epics are there, including tly restored *Lawrence of Arabia*. the biggest treats are 1940s class such as *Great Expectations* an *Brief Encounter*.

Delights at the end of the tunnel

Sir Marc Brunel's Thames tunnel, a wonder of the Victorian world, is the subject of a fascinating new exhibition

This must be the best-concealed exhibition in London. Buried in an unmarked grave in the basement of the Institution of Civil Engineers in Great George Street, just off Parliament Square, there is not so much as a poster to announce it. Although even if there were, the title of the show, "The Triumphant Bore", is hardly alluring to anyone not in on the joke.

The exhibition celebrates the 150th anniversary of Sir Marc Brunel's Thames tunnel. Few of the thousands of Londoners who travel daily on the East London line to New Cross realise that they are passing through one of the great engineering marvels of the 19th century. And not only an engineering marvel. Lord Wellington called it "the greatest work of art ever contemplated". In its day it was a popular sensation of a magnitude that makes *Jurassic Park* look like a garden fête.

The notion of a tunnel under the Thames was first mooted at the end of the 18th century. The river was a barrier to the burgeoning north-south trade, but a conventional multi-span bridge below London Bridge would have presented an obstruction to water traffic. Several earlier tunnel projects foundered from the lack, either of funds, or of satisfactory solutions to the problems of the unstable strata of sand, gravel and quicksand on the river bed.

Brunel's solution, patented in 1818, was a shield to spearhead the diggings and construction. Based on the technique by which the ship worm riddled Britain's hearts of oak, the principle of Brunel's shield has made possible every subsequent major tunnelling venture.

Funds were raised and work began in March 1825. From the start the project was beset with unforseeable problems that escalated the costs, constantly interrupted the work and cost Brunel his health. There were serious floods in 1827 and in 1828, when six workmen were killed and Brunel's son Isaac Kingdom Brunel, who increasingly assumed responsibility for the work, was seriously injured.

Between 1828 and 1835 the tunnel was bricked up and work stopped altogether while efforts were made to find new funding from the Treasury. It was at this stage that *The Times* cruelly christened the project "the Great Bore". Three more major floods and another death ensued, and Marc Brunel suffered a heart attack and a stroke before the tunnel, 1,200ft long, was finally opened on March 25, 1843.

London went wild. In the first 15 weeks more than a million people visited the tunnel, paying a penny a time. By the end of the year the number had grown to two million. Indeed, because there were never enough funds to provide proper approaches for the traffic, the tunnel became a show rather than a utility.

The arches were occupied by more than a hundred stalls, selling refreshments and souvenirs of all kinds. When Queen Victoria visited the tunnel, one of the vendors laid printed handkerchiefs along her route. His object was not entirely Drakean gallantry: once soiled by the royal feet, the price of the hankies was raised from 3/6d to half a guinea.

The present exhibition brings together the works of art generated by the tunnel. Alongside the Brunels' exquisite engineering drawings and the glamorously presented guides and proposals produced during the long fund-raising periods, is a display of the peculiar Victorian genius for commemorative gewgaws.

The double horseshoe arches of the tunnel provided a distinctive logo which turns up on medals, plates, fabrics, boxes, toys, brooches, needlecases and pin cushions. Moulded gin-bottles in Lambeth stoneware represent, in clever trompe-l'oeil, the dramatic brickwork of the tunnel entrance (which can still be seen, blackened and somewhat obscured, at Wapping station).

The long, fascinating vista of the tunnel also stimulated the early Victorian interest in optical toys. "Transparency" prints of the tunnel are designed to be held against a strong light, when the lights along its length appear dramatically illuminated. Paper peepshows, pulling out in concertina form, still give a vivid, three-dimensional impression of the original appearance of the tunnel.

The later history of the tunnel was less glorious. By 1865, when the East London Railway Company took it over, it was reported as being a haunt of drunks and derelicts. It is not exactly a delectable place today. This secret show could help redeem it.

DAVID ROBINSON

● The Triumphant Bore *is at the Institution of Civil Engineers, Great George Street, London SW1 (071-222 7722), Mon-Fri 9.15am-5.30pm, throughout August.*

"The greatest work of art ever contemplated": tourists saunter through the Thames tunnel in an 1843 "transparency" print

Women winners

THELMA Holt, Alan Rickman and their chums were not the only luvvies to lose out when Jules Wright and her Women's Playhouse Trust were chosen to run the Riverside Studios in Hammersmith, London, last week from 40 applications. Michael Bogdanov and his English Shakespeare Company had teamed up with Andrew Leigh, the administrator of the Old Vic, to present a proposal. They don't have quite the same cause for righteous indignation, however — at least they got two interviews, whereas the Holt-Rickman partnership was dismissed after one look at their proposal.

There was not, contrary to rumour, a bid from Kenneth Branagh and Emma Thompson. Presumably they are far too busy tackling another monstrous headache, their remake of *Frankenstein*.

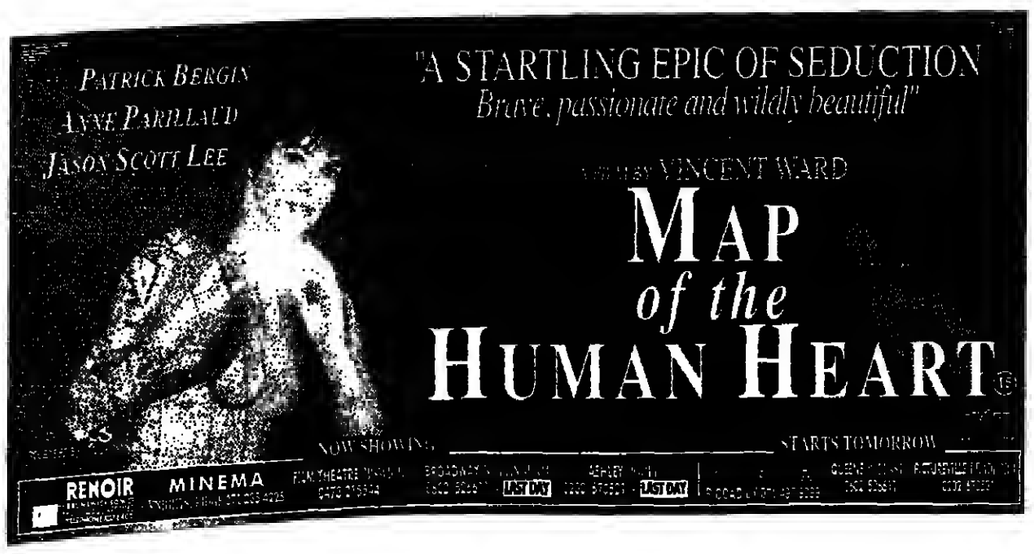
● FOR the first time since the 1917 Russian Revolution, a Fabergé will be feted in St Petersburg. Next Thursday, Theo Fabergé will be returning to the city in which his grandfather — Carl Fabergé, maker of the world's most desirable eggs, and general jeweller to the Tsars — had his home and workshop until the Fabergé family fled to west in 1917.

During his week-long vi Theo will present a new Petersburg Egg, designed himself, to the people of city: it will then go on perm nent exhibition in the museum.

ARTS BRIEFING

Last chance . . .

THE Tate Gallery does have quite the special resp sibility towards Blake as it towards Turner, but its Bl holdings are so considera and extraordinary that t justify a similar series shows concentrating on p ticular periods or aspects the artist's work. The sec such, entitled "Independe and Innovation", concentr on the decade 1779-1789, fr Blake's enrolment to st engraving at the Royal Aca my, to the production of first important illustra books: *Songs of Innocence* *The Book of Thel*. This fa nating opportunity to witn the birth of a visionary is until Sunday (071-821 1313).



TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Sara Yelland

LONDON

PROMS The London premiere of Judith Weir's *Music, Untangled*, performed by the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Martin Brabbins, is the highlight of tonight's programme, which also includes music by Britten (*Pas de Sa* from *The Prince of the Pagodas*), Dvořák (Cello Concerto, with Sophie Rolland), and Prokofiev (Symphony No 7).
Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (071-589 8212). Tonight, 7pm.

THE BASSET TABLE Gambling, love and strange scientific experiments are the ingredients in this comedy by the 18th Century wit, Mrs Centlivre. Revived by Company of Clerks
New End Theatre, 27 New End, NW3 (071-794 0022) Opens tonight, 8pm. Then Tue to Sat 8pm, mats Sat, 2pm and Sun, 5pm

HERMETO PASCOAL A chance to hear Latin jazz at its very best. A virtuoso instrumentalist and composer, Pascoal plays here with his energetic group.
Ronnie Scott's, London W1 (071-439 0747) Tonight-Aug 14, 8 30pm.

CARMEN. The Holland Park Theatre summer season continues with Regency Opera's production of Bizet's masterpiece, directed by Henk Schut.
Holland Park Theatre, Holland Park, London W8 (bookings 071-602 7856, information 071-603 3438). Tonight-Sat, 7 30pm, then Aug 10-14, 7.30pm.

REGIONAL

CHICHESTER Prunella Scales plays Dolly Levi, and Frank Lazarus the merchant of Yonkers in **The Matchmaker**, Thornton Wilder's version of Nestroy's version of John Oxenford's version of Plautus
Festival Theatre, Oaklands Park (0243 781312). Previews tonight, tomorrow, 7 30pm, mat tomorrow, 2.30pm More previews Aug 9, 10, 11, 7 30pm Opens August 12, 7pm Then in repertoire with *Pickwick*. Till October 2

EXETER **Scenes of the City**, an ambitious multimedia performance based on the Charles Mingus piece of the same name is presented by musicians from the southwest of England including Charlie Hemshawe on saxes and Marcus Vergette on double bass.
Creaty Park, Clyst St Mary, Campus Arts Festival (0548 821386). Tonight, 7.30pm

NORWICH. The English Touring Opera performs Mozart's **Cosi fan tutte**. In this new production audiences are given a rough guide to lovers as students in an art school learn about life, love and the opposite sex. Directed by Clare Venables.
Theatre Royal (0603 630000). Tonight, 7.30pm, then Aug 7, 10, 12, 14, 17, 19, 21, 7 30pm.

STRATFORD UPON AVON: Alec McCowen returns to Stratford after 30 years to play Prospero in Sam Mendes's production of **The Tempest**. Simon Russell Beale as Ariel.
Royal Shakespeare Theatre, (0789 295623). Previews from tonight, 7.30pm. Opens Aug 11, 7pm. Then in repertoire

STRATFORD UPON AVON. David Sumner as **Julius Caesar**, Barry Lynch as Mark Antony, in Shakespeare's great political masterpiece. A promenade piece in which the audience is encouraged to move with the action.
The Other Place, (0789 295623). Opens tonight, 7pm. Then Mon to Sat 7.30pm, Mats Thurs and Sat 1.30pm. Till September 25.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
◪ **Some seats available**
□ **Seats at all prices**

□ **ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA:** Richard Johnson and Claire Higgins in a golden-hued production, directed by John Caird, that touches the mind more than the heart.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891) Today, 2pm and 7 15pm 195mins ◪

■ **THE CHANGELING** Michael Attenborough's vivid and lusty production from Stratford, with Cheryl Campbell and Malcolm Storry sinking into evil
The Pit, Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Today, 2pm and 7.15pm 180mins. ◪

□ **GODSPELL:** Candy-flavoured Christianity The 1970s hit revived for a month, with Andy Crane, Gemma Craven.
Barbican Hall, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891)
Tue to Sun, 7 30pm, plus a final performance Mon, Aug 30, 7.30pm. Mats Sat, 3pm Till August 30

□ **GORMENGHAST:** The David Glass Ensemble in London again after another nation-wide tour with their thrilling version of Mervyn Peake
Lyric, King St, Hammersmith, W6 (081-741 2311). Mon-Sat, 7 45pm, mat Sat (Aug 21, 28), 2 30pm

■ **GREASE:** Energetic, well-danced revival taking a nostalgic look at the innocent 1950s Skimpy story of teenage love, but the tunes are catchy. Craig McLachlan stars in the lead role first played over here by Richard Gere
Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (071-580 9845) Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm 150mins

□ **HERE.** Ian Glen, Teresa Banham, Brenda Bruce in new Michael Frayn play: the anxieties of moving into a new home, the implications of a bed here and not there
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham St, WC2 (071-867 1150). Previews from Thurs 8pm. Opens August 4, 7pm. Then Mon to Sat 8pm, Mats Thurs 3pm and Sat 4pm Limited run.

□ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS** Stephen Daldry's thrilling Expressionist production of Priestley's soul-searcher.
National (Oliver), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252) Tonight, tomorrow, Sat, 7.15pm, mat Sat, 2pm 115mins Back Aug 4 ◪

□ **THE LAST YANKEE:** Subtle and touching Arthur Miller premiere Margot Leicester, Matthew Marsh lead a quartet of troubled Americans
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm. 90mins ◪

■ **THE MADNESS OF GEORGE III** Revival of Alan Bennett's clever history play. Nigel Hawthorne returns in the performance of his life.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, Sat, 7 30pm, mat Sat. 2 15pm,

□ **THE MOUNTAIN GIANTS** Sian Thomas, Desmond Barrit in Pirandello's last play, completed by Charles Wood. Puzzling but a must for fans Directed by William Gaskill,
National (Cottesloe), South Bank SE1 (071-928 2252) ◪ Tonight, tomorrow, Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm.

■ **OLEANNA:** David Suchet, Lia Williams in Mamet's blistering new play about political correctness in an American college: passionate argument, riveting drama. Last week.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat. 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm, 130mins.

□ **SEPARATE TABLES:** Peter Bowles, Patricia Hodge tap heart-felt emotions in Peter Hall's welcome revival of Rattigan.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm 150mins. ◪

■ **SUNSET BOULEVARD** Triumph for Patti Lupone as the faded star in Lloyd-Webber's success, less cynical than the Wilder film but a thrilling occasion Trevor Nunn directs.
Adelphi Theatre, Strand, WC2 (071-344 0055). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs and Sats, 3pm.

□ **TIME OF MY LIFE:** One of Ayckbourn's best family plays, set in three different restaurants and roving back and forth in time. Anton Rodgers and Gwen Taylor play the older couple.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon to Fri 7.45pm. Sat 8pm. Mats Wed 2.30pm, Sat 4pm.

◪ **UNDER THE STARS:** Pam Ferris and Connie Booth in the prolific Richard Crane's new comedy two understudies wonder if their leading ladies will ever drop dead.
Greenwich, Crooms Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755). Opens July 26, 7 pm. Then Mon to Sat 7 45 pm. Mats Sat 2.30 pm. Till August 28.

LONG RUNNERS. □ **Blood Brothers**, *Phoenix* (071-867 1044) □ **Buddy**, Victoria Palace (071-834 1317). ◪ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072). □ **Don't Dress for Dinner** Duchess (071-494 5070) □ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) . . . ◪ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**: Palladium (071-494 5037) . . ◪ **Les Miserables**: Palace (071-434 0909) ◪ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400). □ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . □ **On The Piste**: Garrick (071-494 5085) ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) . . . ◪ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . . □ **Travels With My Aunt**: Whitehall (071-867 1119) . . □ **The Woman In Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238).

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

CHAIN OF DESIRE (18). Smart sexual escapades across New York, inspired by *La Ronde*. Temistocles Lopez directs a choice cast, Linda Fiorentino, Seymour Cassel, Assumpta Serna, Elias Koteas.
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JUST ANOTHER GIRL ON THE IRT (15) Brassy black Brooklyn teenager (Aryan Johnson) finds herself pregnant. Raw, lively, first feature by Leslie Harris, with something to say to young audiences
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◆ **THE ASSASSIN** (18). Bridget Fonda's criminal gets reborn as a government assassin. Efficient remake of Luc Besson's *Nikita*. With Gabriel Byrne, director, John Badham.
MGM Trocadero ◪ (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332)

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◆ **CLIFFHANGER** (15). Sylvester Stallone tangles with John Lithgow's baddies high in the Rockies Pitiful dialogue, but non-stop action, Renny Harlin directed.
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THEATRE: **Benedict Nightingale** reviews an Ayckbourn comedy, directed by the playwright

It's my party and I'll cry if ...

Time of My Life
Vaudeville

PRESENT Alan Ayckbourn with the space-time continuum as we know it, and he is liable to start twisting it into odd, Einsteinian knots. So it proves with *Time of My Life*, which opens with a family party in what seems to be an Italian-Turko-Romanian restaurant in the Mancunian gin-and-tonic belt and, though it never shifts from that strange setting, proceeds to obey three chronological laws at once.

The part of the plot that concerns Laura and Gerry, the 54-year-old birthday girl and her husband, occurs on the night of the party. The other two, involving their sons' emotional entanglements, jump and hop in opposite directions, one going anti-clockwise two months into the past, the other fast-forwarding two years into the future; and always at the same tables, with the same waiters serving the same bizarre dishes.

You may have to read my last paragraph twice, but I can promise that, once in the theatre, you won't be calling for a stage-manager to rewind the play. Ayckbourn's technical skills are as sure as ever, and more purposeful than usual. The subjects are what we should expect, given the spurious bounce of the title. They are disillusion, the impermanence of love, the elusiveness of happiness, the poignancy of hope remembered, and death. Look backward, look forward, it is the same. However you regard it, the plot tells us, time is the enemy.

There are two or three hilarious moments, and many wonderfully droll ones; but this is undeniably one of Ayckbourn's less hearty creations. The party itself may eventually be recalled by the boys as a fun occasion and evidence of their parents' mutual devotion; but its tensions are obvious before dessert has been served. Only her younger son, Adam, escapes the brassy contempt that Laura directs at the guests and their gifts alike. Pity husband Gerry, elder son Glyn, daughter-in-law Stephanie, and (especially) Adam's girl friend Maureen, a cowed punk whose "respectable" clothes are zanier than her multi-hued spikes and studs. As Gwen Taylor plays her, Laura comes near, perhaps too near, to one of those monster matriarchs you used to see glowering from McGill's seaside postcards.

We return to its jolly horrors for a hyper-ironic ending, but most of the play is spent exploring the fault-lines that run up to, through, and past Laura's party. It quickly emerges that Anton Rodgers's glum, weary Gerry dies in a car crash immediately afterwards, victim of drink and, it seems, of some curious discoveries. The family business declines, as does Richard Garnett's Glyn, a spineless lothario pathetically in thrall to his uncaring mum. Stephen Mapes's scattered Adam makes a bumbling bond with Sophie Heyman's scatty but feisty Maureen. On the whole, the women emerge from the play looking a lot healthier than the men.

Ayckbourn, who also directs, is finely served by his cast, not least in the two scenes that had the first night audience in stitches. One shows Adam and Maureen's meeting, him mistaking her for a prostitute, her thinking him an orgiastic pimp. The other has Karen Drury's put-upon Stephanie at rock bottom, her numb nods of misery mistaken by Terence Booth, who plays a series of bizarre waiters, for agreement to his suggestion of pudding after pudding after pudding. That is funny, very funny, and not at all funny: quintessential Alan Ayckbourn.

DONALD COOPER

Anton Rodgers as Gerry Stratton and Gwen Taylor as his wife Laura in Alan Ayckbourn's *Time of My Life*

CONCERT: Intense Tchaikovsky, as a young Russian conductor makes a stunning Proms debut

Starting on a note of authority

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THE Proms, it seemed, had at last got under way. There had been an explosion of a start, with *Elektra* on the opening night; there had been capacity houses before — indeed, many times already this season. But the real tension of anticipation and rapture of applause had to wait until Tuesday when the young Leningrad-born conductor, Yakov Kreizberg, met the BBC Symphony Orchestra, to extraordinary effect.

Kreizberg's reputation had gone before him. Accolades from his 1992 Glyndebourne debut in *Jenufa* were recalled in programme note and radio commentary; his teachers, Leonard Bernstein and Michael Tilson Thomas, were named; his future plans (as music director and chief conductor-elect of the Komische Oper in Berlin) were paraded. What the present appearance showed was an authority and acuteness of musical response entirely his own.

It was Tchaikovsky's Sixth Symphony which put him through his paces. This was a performance which began and ended with a barely animate shudder of movement, such that it was difficult to tell exactly when it was born and when it died. Yet its entire existence rippled with the energy of a young man at the height of his powers.

Not a second in the opening movement went to waste. After the decisive weighting (rather than mere accenting) of string on viola and bass bow, the music would be lifted with a sudden velocity as if the violins anticipated the flight of the woodwind. Tension was built imperceptibly, then released with a quick winding-in of a phrase. This was constantly surprising, mercurial playing, taken to its natural conclusion in a real Queen Mab of a scherzo.

Here, too, while the ear was focussing on the fleetness of finger, mouth and breath, and being seduced by the light and pleasurable melancholy they articulated, a powerful head of steam was being built up, as it were, behind one's back. This provided the depth charge for the intensity of the finale, its great falling theme a hushed murmur as each phrase was drawn back sharply, as in a sudden in-breath of pain.

Some inkling of Kreizberg's particular sensibility and skills could be discerned in his accompanying of the Chopin Piano Concerto No 2. The dexterity of the little four-note curl which unfurls the piece set up a light, raw nervousness which, in the hands of Vladimir Ovchinikov, could turn at will to melancholy or to mischief.

Since his first prize at Leeds in 1987, we have heard rather too little of Ovchinikov in Britain. His is an immediately distinctive pianism: in Chopin, all but negating the hammer action of the piano, and distilling from its notes pure, liquid sound; in Prokofiev and Rachmaninov ballasting rich song with firm delineation and definition.

Rachmaninov, as it happened, had also begun this memorable evening, when David Wilson-Johnson and the BBC Symphony Chorus gave a stirring and dramatic performance of his cantata *Spring*.

HILARY FINCH

Kreizberg: the energy of a young man at the height of his powers

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NEW YORK PUBLIC THEATRE: **Melinda Camber Porter** on the task for Joe Papp's successor

Passion returns to public life

When writer, director and producer George C. Wolfe was asked to step into the late Joe Papp's role as father and figurehead, heart and soul of the New York Shakespeare Fesóval, better known as the New York Public Theater, he was busy rehearsing *Angels in America* on Broadway, which won him the 1993 Tony Award for best director. Despite his desire to continue his flourishing career as playwright and director (*The Colored Museum*, *Jelly's Last Jam* and *Spunk*), he took on the daunting task of resurrecting an institution that was living off its past glories and had been plunged deeper into obscurity by its previous director, JoAnne Akalaitis [whose successful Broadway debut is reviewed below). Appointed by Papp as his successor, before his death in 1991, Akalaitis was forced to resign after a brief, 20-month reign that was characterised by half-empty theatres and an aura of mourning for the genius and energy of Papp, the man who brought free Shakespeare to Central Park.

Wolfe, a soft-spoken man in his early forties, whose gentle sensitivity runs hand in hand with an unbridled intellect and a torrendal energy, soon revealed that he is ready to take on the job with fervour and fearlessness. "Joe Papp didn't create a monarchy to serve himself. What he did, and the smartest thing he did at the time he founded his theatre, was to look around New York and see what was missing at the time in the culture and he created a theatre to fill the void. Joe took on new plays by new playwrights and opened the theatre up to the whole community. Now that's become known as multiculturalism and a lot of places do it to get grant money and it's just superficial, but Joe put passion into it; and I think there was also an unintentional colonising aspect to it.

"So that now when I find myself in 1993 there are new voids in the culture and I feel that I must go through the same dynamic of seeing what voids there are. And I think it's much easier for me because the voids are so much more obvious. Particularly in a city like New York, which mixes people from all over the world, you can't help but see that there's an intense polarisaóon of black people here, Asians here, Latins here, and they aren't mixing.

"So you realise that the function of theatre, particularly one called the Public Theater, should be a place where you can go inside and hear stories that exist inside the city from different cultures, not just one culture. I think art can perform this incredible dynamic where you can come and sit in a room with people you wouldn't even share a cab with, and share an experience with them, and together you can be transformed into being a cohesive community.

"What I'm really saying is that I don't see myself as some little art dilettante. I know I perform a function in this job, and that this theatre performs an incredibly valuable funcóon and it's essential to the well-being of the city, and not because it brings X number of tourists. It's essential to the spiritual, emotional health of the city."

> 'This theatre is essential to the city's spiritual, emotional health'

In practice, Wolfe's ideas meant an immediate upheaval in the administration, and a complete rearrangement of the function of each theatre within the Public's building on Astor Place. Wolfe does need to bring back the ethnically diverse audience that once frequented Papp's theatre but gradually felt out of place as the Public became more establishment and cliquish and reached out less to new authors and new ideas.

Wolfe will keep the largest theatre solely for the Shakespeare plays and works by established authors with star casts, but one smaller theatre will be devoted entirely to solo performers, and another to new plays. Wolfe is also aware, from his own experience as a director, that it is essential to create a nurturing environment for new plays by allowing directors and writers the time and privacy to perfect a work in progress:

"Basically, every play I've ever written and directed I worked on first in some little playland and then brought to New York because the city is a hostile environment to art and experimentation. And so I decided that the Public will have one space that is just a laboratory. All year long. And not one critic will be allowed in that lab all year. Then people will be able to stop recycling old truths and go down that dark tunnel where brilliance lives."

Wolfe's belief in risk-taking and his hunger for new talent and experimentation will, no doubt, soon redefine the character of the Public Theater. He will not allow himself to be used by the Public's board as a mere figurehead for change. "When I was a director here under Papp I used to call myself the 'Negro at the Public' because I sensed my presence here was being used to legitimise not searching beyond a certain formula and conformity."

But Wolfe still feels the need to reassure those who fund the theatre and look toward the Public as a haven for the kind of hits like *A Chorus Line* that placed the theatre firmly in the mainstream. It appears that he has enlisted Hollywood star Kevin Kline as an "associate partner" to act as a foil to his more revolutionary persona.

"Kevin and I are still evolving the dynamic of our collaboration. We keep changing his title because we haven't quite figured out what it is. I think what's attractive about Kevin, what I wanted from him, was that he has this long affiliation with the Public, primarily in classical roles. He's considered the premier classical actor in America. And I want him to expand the Public's role in developing an aesthetic for the American classical stage and I hope Kevin will be involved in helping to find funding for that.

"And I doo't just mean Shakespeare. I love Restoration comedy and I hope I'll be directing one next summer. And right now the funding community is very confused by this organisation, with Joe's death and me coming in, and it's up to me to get the funding and to reassure them about the vision I have."

Will Wolfe also continue the Royal Court's successful exchange programme with the Public which began in 1982 with Caryl Churchill's *Top Girls*? "I would love to. I'm thinking of starting up a new job and I haven't formulated the exact title, but that person would be creating liaisons with other countries. I want the theatre to join the 21st century.

"We've become a global village, but there's this stupidity in America, partly because it's so large, we have this adolescent arrogance of believing we don't have to learn anything from anyone. And then there's an equally annoying persuasion that things are only legitimate if they come from England. It's particularly prevalent in New York and the East Coast."

But does he feel that he gleaned any particular insights into theatre from his time spent working in England when *The Colored Museum* and *Spunk* were at the Royal Court? "Well, I think England has some incredibly exciting writers who just took on all the major issues, because England went from owning the world to being just an island again, and a frightened island. And as a result everybody was and is asking the important questions because the country is so vulnerable.

"But we were in the opposite phase over the last 12 years, the Reagan-Busb years, where everything, we were told, was 'great', and we were kicking puny countries' asses and throwing parades like we were still the only show in town. And now with the end of that era, America has retrieved a particular uncertainty and fragility and need to question. And the result is that new voices are beginning to emerge."

George C. Wolfe: "Theatre should be a place where you can go to hear stories from different cultures"

OPERA IN EUROPE

Success is par for the course

Rediscovering forgotten treasures with Sweden's most promising young singers

Performances by the Vadstena Summer Academy are caviar to operatic gourmets for many reasons. For a start you hear the cream of young Swedish singers, postgraduates from countless excellent conservatoires and many of them on the threshold of important careers: Nina Stemme, who made such a mark in the Cardiff Singer of the World Competióon, was in attendance this year, and one of the cast missed a couple of days' rehearsal to audióon for a theatre whose identity is supposed to be a secret, but if I say that it is in Germany, starts with a "B" and has a big Wagner festival going on there this very moment (ohne mich), you may get the drift. These singers are not rubbish.

Then there is the artistic director, the musicologist Anders Wiklund, whose trawls through European archives regularly exhume forgotten operas that are not only historically fascinating but eminently stageable — last year Reichardt's *Die Zauberinsel*, based on *The Tempest*, and this year Stradella's *Il Trespolo tutore* (1679), which I am cross to have missed, and Paër's *I molinari*, which I am very glad to have caught. Not least of the pleasures is the beauty of Vadstena itself, a former medieval capital with at its centre the water-castle where Queen Christina first introduced opera to Sweden.

Paër is best known for his *Leonora*, which preceded and was inevitably overshadowed by Beethoven's *Fidelio*, but his work-list takes up nearly two columns in the *New Grove Dictionary of Opera*. His one-act *opera buffa* was first performed in Venice in 1794; Wiklund has uncovered and edited the version that he expanded, with a little help from his friends, into two acts for performance in Dresden in 1805. It is a beautiful little piece, particularly rich in graceful writing for woodwind, cheerfully melodious, and with a good half dozen numbers that would not sound out of place in *Figaro* or *Cosi*. Among the items added for Dresden are a substantial and decidedly Mozartian first-act finale, and an enchanting *polacca* for tenor that turns out to have been wrinen by someone else, Johann Schenk of *Dorfbarbier* fame.

Giuseppe Foppa's libretto is also Mozartian: it is almost like a sequel to *Figaro*. The eponymous millers are husband and wife, he as jealous as Figaro, she as resourceful as Susanna. Enter a lecherous Count (the millers' landlord) and an abandoned Baroness, add the miller's Big Lie, passing his wife off as his sister in order to test her constancy and you have a plot to bustle merrily along for a couple of happy hours. The climax comes in a *Figaro*-style garden scene in which the Count plans to meet the wife, but in fact encounters her husband in drag and singing falsetto. Collapse of several parties.

The Academy kindly allowed me to attend a dress rehearsal in order to fly to Vadstena on to Drottningholm, so it would be improper to comment in detail on Nils Spangenberg's production. But it will be interesting to learn what audiences make of his turning the action into a coke-snorting, S&M, dolce vita fantasy. The sight of the tenor squeezing his nipples and thrusting a shoe in his mouth to achieve (I presume) orgasm would have given Paër pause for thought.

But musically the performance was extremely satisfying, with the small orchestra relishing the ingenuity of Paër's scoring under B. Tommy Andersson's spirited direction, and the six singers making a fine impression when oot otherwise engaged. Stemme sang the Baroness with gleaming, firm tone, and the young tenor Staffan Galli plainly has a career as a Mozartian in front of him. Karin Ingebäck made an especially strong character of the miller's wife, and once relaxed into performances with sound as good as she looks, was especially impressed by the smooth, beautifully modulated singing of the baritone Rolf Christianson as the miller's friend. But they were all — par for the Vadstena course — absolutely first-rate.

RODNEY MILNES

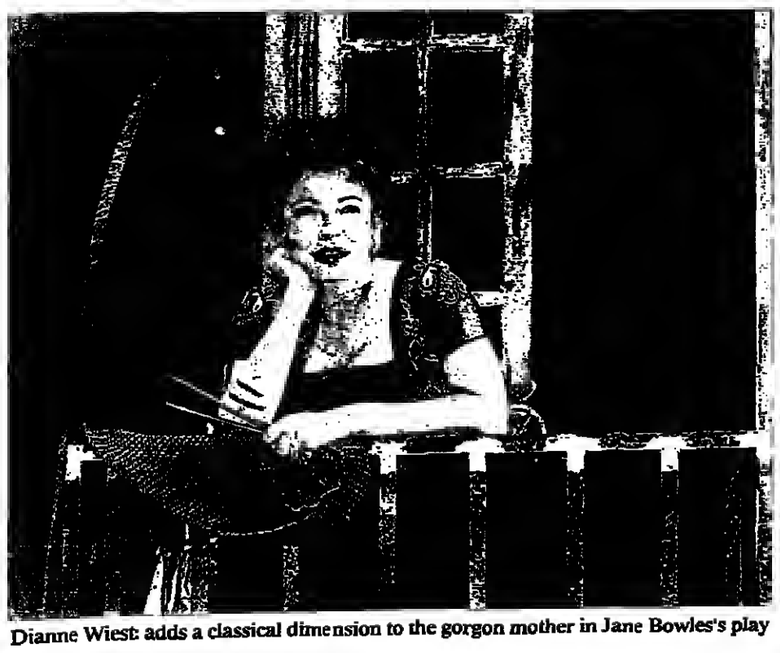
Soaking in the atmosphere

In The Summer House
Lincoln Center, New York

IN THE Summer House is an odd play, the Vivian Beaumont an odd theatre for it, and the conservative Lincoln Center audience an odd gamble for producers Andre Bishop and Bernard Gersten. As director they hired JoAnne Akalaitis to make her Broadway debut just after the New York Shakespeare Festival's board harshly dismissed her as artistic director for, among other reasons, having no Broadway experience (see above). Confounding the odds, Akalaitis has brought forth an exquisite production.

The play, which is to have its British premiere next month in a Lyric Hammersmith productioo starring Rosemary Harris, is by Jane Bowles, a writer admired by Tennessee Williams, Truman Capote and others with whom she shared a bohemian lifestyle and offbeat sensibility. Bowles's only drama, first produced on Broadway in 1953, is an impressionistic study of two mother-daughter relationships.

Mrs Eastman Cuevas is a manipulative monster whose daughter Molly has withdrawn into a dream world; Mrs Constable is a timid mother who turns into a drunk when her manic-depressive daughter Vivian jumps off a cliff or is pushed by Molly. In the southern California seaside setting, these characters are surrounded by a large Mexican family which Mrs Eastman Cuevas inherits in her third vain try at marriage.



Dianne Wiest adds a classical dimension to the gorgon mother in Jane Bowles's play

Bowles's writing has some of the lyricism and mordant humour of Williams, and her women have kinship with both his and William Inge's. Aimless and frustrated, they strain to manipulate or to escape their narrow worlds. While Bowles's characters are pathetically credible as human beings, the play is a mood piece. A realistic production would be dated and deadly, yet the hothouse atmosphere the characters cannot break through must frame the action.

Such an atmosphere is difficult to achieve on the thrust stage of the spacious Beaumont, but Akalaitis meets the challenge brilliantly. George Tsypin's sets and Jennifer Tipton's lighting create a world that is both real in its wooden doors and stucco walls, and transparent. The transparency suggests that the characters have nothing to cling to. Among its lovely scenic effects are watching a line of characters walk along the beach behind a cliff while a scene is played downstage of the cliff, and seeing Vivian reaching above waves as she drowns. Plaintive, tense violin music by Philip Glass augments the principals' sense of entrapment, especially in contrast to the jubilant Latin music played by the Mexican characters.

Akalaitis highlights the play's bizarre comedy in such touches as having three members of the ravenous Mexican family taking a siesta under the wedding banquet table during some dramaóc confrontations; when a distraught character pushes food to the floor, the three sleepily reach for it. The overall tone of the piece retains a delicate balance in the staging, design and the splendid acting.

Dianne Wiest gives a classical dimension to the gorgon mother, and can go from hysteria to a burp that settles her stomach and her temper in a flash. Frances Conroy is impeccable as Mrs Constable, making her an exuberant drunk whose pathos is all the greater because she is such entertaining company. When Wiest and Conroy square off it's like championship boxing. *In The Summer House* is an odd duck, but magically it flies.

HOLLY HILL

DANCE

Moves towards European unity

Dance Workshop Europe
The Place

LONDON was the second stop on a five-city tour for the four young choreographers chosen for this year's Dance Workshop Europe. They danced first in Munich, now go on to Antwerp, Ghent and Angers. This exposure to different audiences can be valuable; equally so the chance of five preliminary weeks together preparing, experimenting and exchanging experience.

Two years ago, the first of these projects put Rui Horta (Portuguese, but based in Frankfurt) firmly on the artisdc map. This second run may do the same for Urs Dietrich, also from Germany. We have seen him at The Place before, dancing with Susanne Linke; now his own choreography reveals a lively, humorous and inventive imagination.

His duet, *Und der Sommer zog gen Süden*, brings together, in what sounds like the countryside, two men (himself and Thomas Stich) wearing summer suits. Warily, they begin observing, reacting, greeting. He gets both comedy and mystery out of movement as simple as a finger picking at an ear; he builds the gesture of throwing imaginary stones, repeated faster and faster, from mime into dance.

Suddenly, whoosh, a trolley laden with 26 small dark bird models is pusbed on stage. These embodiments of the occasional cheeps we heard provide material for a chess-like game the men play more competitively as the twittering grows louder; anger surges but subsides; they go off together.

The British entrant, Claire Russ's *Heirs and Graces*, used several fanciful costumes apiece for herself, tall skinny Russel Trigg and little Hidy Sin Man Yue, plus film and a touch of discreet nudity, to add portents to joky, jerky movement.

From France, Christine Marneffe also relied on costumes (high shouldered, dusty, dark grey raincoats), lighting effects and much obfuscation to trick out fairly ordinary movement into a comic commentary on crime stories. She called it *J'aimerais tant rester . . .*, which I think (from one sight gag) ought to be French for "the mystery of the disappearing bunch of carrots".

Only Veerle Bakelants from Belgium, *Compositie 2*, relied almost entirely on movement and music: small, twisting manoeuvres for three women to Richard Strauss's Sonata Opus 5 in B minor, arranged by Glenn Gould. There was a lot of honest craft here, maybe needing a touch more individuality.

Compared with the previous such project, there was more variety within the programme; and I note that the once ubiquitous "bumps-a-daisy, drop your partner" style is apparently dead. The programme notes imply continuing collaboration among the organisers: more power to their elbows.

JOHN PERCIVAL

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The poet John Clare excelled in observation of the English countryside. **Robert Nye** welcomes a resurgence of interest in his work

Ploughing a lonely furrow

On Thursday, April 28, 1825, with that fine patience typical of him, in poetry or prose, John Clare wrote in his diary: "I observed a Snail on his journey at full speed and I marked by my watch that he went 13 inches in three minutes, which was the utmost he could do without stopping to wind or rest." At about the same time, Clare's publisher, John Taylor, was moving more slowly in bringing out *The Shepherd's Calendar*, which the poet hoped would restore his reputation. Taylor, who also published Keats before he switched to the safer market in arithmetical textbooks, did in the end bring out an edited and "polished" version of this poem (reducing 3,382 lines to 1,761) some two years later. It sold badly.

The bottom had fallen out of the market in romanticism with the death of Byron, and Clare's first flush of fame as "the peasant poet", the literary ploughboy to be patronised and gawped at, was fast fading. Taylor's attitude to Clare is depressing: "I have often remarked that your Poetry is much the best when you are oot describing common things, and if you

would raise your Views generally and speak of the Appearance of Nature each month more philosophically (if I may say so) or with more Excitement, you would greatly improve these little poems."

This is nonsense. Clare's friend, Henry Francis Cary, came nearer the truth when he said the opposite: "What you most excel in is the description of such natural objects as you have yorself had the opportunity of observing, and which none before you have noticed, though every one instantly recognises their truth." Cary was thinking, no doubt, of some passage as unpretentious but striking as this:

The shepherd too in great coat wrapt
And straw bands round his stockings lapt
Wi plodding dog that sheltering steals
To shun the wind behind his heels
Takes rough and smooth the winter weather
And paces thro the snow together
While in the fields the lonly plough
Enjoys its frozen sabbath now.

Clare's neighbourly, companionable (though in later years sometimes despairing) poetry, his directness of vision and keenness of insight in lines that are almost invariably felt, not fancied, can be disliked only by those to whom poetry is a game of dressing-up, an emotional and intellectual charade, rather than a truth-telling. Taylor himself inclined to the dressing-up view, and sought to "greatly improve these little poems" by adding conventional punctuation, slashing and truncating and suppressing, leaving out difficult dialect words, and generally taking the shepherd out of the calendar.

THE SHEPHERD'S CALENDAR
Edited by Eric Robinson, Geoffrey Summerfield and David Powell
Oxford University Press, £6.99 pbk
NEW OXFORD BOOK OF ROMANTIC PERIOD VERSE
Edited by Jerome J. McGann
Oxford University Press, £25

It was not until 1964 that we had a chance to read *The Shepherd's Calendar* exactly as Clare wrote it. Now, in the year of Clare's bicentenary, we have a new edition, prepared by Eric Robinson and David Powell, based on that earlier Robinson and Geoffrey Summerfield edition, with the addition of woodcuts by David Gentleman (see the two examples above) which will appeal to anyone with a love of the English countryside.

At the same time, also in honour of the bicentenary, we have a fresh edition of Clare's *Cottage Tales* (*Carcanet, £9.95*) and of *The Parish*, (*Penguin, £4.99*) both edited by the same chaps in line with their admirable policy of not tidying up Clare's poetry. All three books will fit comfortably into the

jacket-pocket. I like to think of another young boy, like Clare himself with his first copy of Thomson's *The Seasons*, walking about the hedgerows with them everywhere, climbing over churchyard walls to read them in a bit of peace and quiet.

Clare is represented in the *New Oxford Book of Romantic Period Verse* by one poem only, and that not one of his best. The same fat volume gives us 11 bad poems by Felicia Dorothea Hemans, and eight not much better by Laetitia Elizabeth Landon, as well as all manner of other indifferent stuff included on the grounds that it was widely read at the time of its publication.

The old Oxford anthologies were sometimes textually unreliable but they usually had some clear feeling for poetry behind them. Jerome McGann seems to have seen it as his task merely to explore the "full range of verse that was published in Britain between the years 1785 and 1832". As a historical sampler this is all very well, and certainly McGann contributes to a cultural understanding by organising the poems by date of first appearance, which also challenges traditional views of the period.

Those views could have been better challenged, though, by including something from *The Shepherd's Calendar* (1827) and by other work from the 1820 *Poems Descriptive of Rural Life and Scenery*. "I am — yet what I am none cares or knows . . ." Clare's heart-breaking cry, the more penetrating for being a whisper, is no longer true in this year of his bicentenary, but it might as well be true so far as the *New Oxford Book of Romantic Period Verse* is concerned, and that's a great pity.

Prehistoric inner city

Norman Hammond

TEOTIHUACAN: ART FROM THE CITY OF THE GODS
Edited by Kathleen Berrin and Esther Pasztory
Thames & Hudson, £28.00

Teotihuacan, "place of the gods", is a prehistoric metropolis lying northeast of Mexico City, thus named by the Aztecs to whom it was a ruin old beyond knowledge. Dominated by the Pyramids of the Sun and Moon, among the largest structures ever raised in pre-Hispanic America, the mounds along the main avenue, the "Street of the Dead" (again an Aztec toponym), stretch for nearly three miles. Surveys in the 1960s showed that Teotihuacan was a grid-planned city, eerily reminiscent of Manhattan in its uniformity and precision of layout, with a population estimated at its apogee between AD200 and 700 to have exceeded 125,000.

Most of the population lived in walled compounds, each a city block square and enclosing several rambling apartment complexes, with rooms around internal courtyards and shrines. The walls of many of these dwellings were decorated with polychrome murals, and it is a group of these, wrenched from their setting in the Techinantitla compound near the Moon Pyramid, that provided the original inspiration for this combined book and catalogue.

The looted paintings were bequeathed to the Fine Arts Museum of San Francisco in the 1970s, and rapidly proved an embarrassment; the United States had acceded to the Unesco convention on cultural property, which banned the importation of such stolen goods, and the Mexican government demanded their return. A diplomatic compromise led to the conservation of the murals in San Francisco, the voluntary return of half of them to Mexico in 1986, and the genesis of this loan exhibition surveying the whole of Teotihuacan's artistic achievement.

Mexican and North American scholars have joined in describing the nature of the city-state as revealed by archaeology, including the recent stunning discovery of mass warrior sacrifices in the foundations of the Temple of the Feathered Serpent. More than anything else, these burials have changed our perception of Teotihuacan as a utopian state, free from warfare and ruled by priests, and made it persuasively and typically Mesoamerican, a cultural ancestor of the Aztec empire.

The text is well-illustrated for the general reader, but also extensively referenced for the scholar, with site plans and excavation photographs to show where the art comes from and how it fits in. The catalogue, which occupies 110 of the book's 288 pages, has marvellous colour pictures and sensible captions: even the tyro in Teotihuacan studies will learn a lot, and when the exhibition closes in October this book will remain a worthy monument to the partial unmasking of an enigmatic civilisation.

More masks survive from Teotihuacan than any other Mesoamerican culture. This greenstone example would have come from a temple of state

Among eccentric angels

Hazhir Teimourian

SURVIVAL AMONG THE KURDS
A History of the Yezidis
By John S. Guest
Kegan Paul, £45

I first came across the Yezidis when I was a young boy. My father was taking the family to a holy shrine in the centre of Iranian Kurdistan to pray for a cure for my bronchitis. I threw a pebble into a cavern beside a mountain path and, as a childish prank, shouted "Come out Lucifer". This made my father distraught. He shouted that I was risking trouble. Did I not know that the locals venerated Satan?

I next encountered them many years later in London at the spring festival of the Kurds. I was taking part in a communal dance with their reigning prince when an English friend approached with a camera. The prince dived into the crowd to deny any detractors evidence that he passed his exile abroad in such a frivolous manner.

Later still, I discovered that dancing was an integral part of the joyous religion of the Yezidis, and that, contrary to the charge of devil worship, they were a highly moral people. It was merely that their knowledge of the later fate of Lucifer was more up to date than ours. God had forgiven his former fallen archangel — they call him King Peacock — allowing him to reoccupy his exalted seat. As for the nature of evil itself, it was just another pitfall in one's path.

This book is full of such gems for students of comparative religion, and anyone who thinks that all the inhabitants of the Middle East are Muslims. The reader learns, for example, that the Yezidis pray towards the sun, fast but three days a year and share a hierarchy of angels reminiscent of Zoroaster, or ancient Zarathustra. This ought not to surprise. The Yezidis first come to notice in history some 900 years ago in the mountainous heart of Kurdistan, Muslim dominion being only nominal at that time.

On account of their isolation of centuries, I expected some barbarian customs, but fortunately found only eccentricities, such as a ban on the eating of lettuce, fish and gazelle meat. Also their main prophet, Sheikh Adi, a Syrian Arab scholar of Islam who died in 1162, put a curse "on all written books" after he settled among the Yezidis in their well-watered valleys in today's Iraqi Kurdistan.

Since then, the community, that now numbers around 200,000, has been subjected to many persecutions — by Mongols, Turks, Arabs and Muslim Kurds. But they have survived and today impress visitors with their hospitality and tolerance. Dr Guest, who has updated his 1957 history, throws light on the beliefs of those other communities of the Middle East that hail from the ancient religious empire of Zarathustra, the Alawites, the Ahle Haqs and the Druzes.

Sensuous voice of old Ireland

Stephen Logan

SEAMUS HEANEY
The Making of the Poet
By Michael Parker
Macmillan, £25

Michael Parker's book is meticulously researched and documented. Heaney's fifty-odd years of life to date are covered in six chapters where the poetry gradually assumes precedence over its biographical contexts. The first two chapters precede the publication of *Death of a Naturalist* (1969) and are thus heavily freighted with details about Heaney's early upbringing on his father's farm in South Derry and about the swift succession of academic triumphs which gently but bewilderingly led him away from his background.

Parker then proceeds briskly through the published volumes of verse. Though the technique is basically close reading with linking commentary, what unites the chapters is their unremitting attentiveness to Heaney's poetic "voice".

Not every poet's literary personality seems so richly and distinctively concentrated in what we call a voice. Indeed, with some poets (Geoffrey Hill for example) the cooler, less personal term "style" seems more apt. The reason, I suspect, is that a poet like Hill cultivates a certain style of expression as a symbol of what he admires. You have to infer his personality from his values. Heaney, on the other hand, conforms the language to the contours of his personality. For those who have heard him speak, the very texture of his poems resonates with the slow, mildly guttural idiosyncracies of his remembered accent.

Seamus Heaney: brought up on rhyming lists of Latin roots

Parker indulgently shows that Heaney went through phases of trying to make himself sound like Hopkins or Dylan Thomas. But before the age of 30, the authentic note has been struck: "the squelch and slap/ Of soggy peat, the curt cuts of an edge/Through living roots awaken in my head." "Digging", the first poem in that first volume, has become Heaney's "Lake Isle". Yet he hasn't repudiated it. Heaney's ear is still the principal organ of his imagination. In a poem of 1984 the act of splitting coal is, like digging, made one with the act of poetic composition. "The sound of that relaxed alluring blow" is one of Heaney's characteristic feats of mimesis: imitating in sound a tactile weight and slowness of impact.

This auditory zest makes the best of Heaney's speech and prose as well as his poetry tingle. Parker proves his relish of it by densely interlarding his commentary with tangy phrases from Heaney, such as references to "Marlowe's sensuous brunt". Yet as well as attempting the occasional bit of phonetic analysis, Parker indicates clearly the relation between Heaney's own verbal sensuousness, his undergraduate enthusiasm for Old English, his mother's reciting to him rhyming lists of Latin roots and his abiding allegiance to linguistic, social and political values rooted in old Ireland.

A weakness of this otherwise very useful book is that it has no polemical edge. Parker is far from submissive, yet he feels such evident affection for Heaney that he is happy to efface himself in the task of explication. His lack of any sense of a prowling opposition may just be the result of indifference to the critical *avant-garde*. Yet equally it suggests how far and wide Heaney's poetic voice has endeared itself, and more deeply than to the ear alone.

A green and godless land

G.M. Tamas

BEYOND THE NEW RIGHT
Markets, Government and the Common Environment
By John Gray
Routledge, £19.99

Conservatism is in deep trouble, according to John Gray. The glorious conservative counter-revolution of the 1970s and 1980s, which was a reaction to the socialism and liberal utopianism of the post-war years, the crisis of the welfare state and the squalor of communism, has been proved just another rationalist utopia.

The advocates of that counter-revolution quarrelled with the socialist view of human nature, alleging that human action was too unpredictable to serve as a basis for rational planning. The market, where supply meets demand spontaneously, was deemed to be superior. The complexity of human life made the claims of social engineering spurious; they believed the quest for equality ends in tyranny, since it necessarily impedes the individual's room for manoeuvre, the only real source of wealth and liberty. If people were left alone to do what they thought best, the community would benefit.

Now Gray, a conservative theorist, tells us that the nature of modern capitalism is quite alien to the *laisser faire* liberalism that served as a model for Thatcherites. What is more important, human societies do not work in the random and spontaneous fashion people such as Hayek believed. Culture and *mentalité*, shared ideas about the common good, beliefs about the ideal societal arrangements, traditions concerning the desirable character of political institutions, count for more.

Our experience of society, according to Gray, does not fit the blank atomistic picture painted by doctrinaire liberals and, in spite of the polite concessions he makes to a noble kind of Anglo-Saxon individualism, the author harks back to a political mystique wherein people are linked together by something more than mere personal interest in maximising their advantages, or mere toleration of others for the sake of avoiding unnecessary pain.

This would be an interesting reformulation of the romantic criticism of liberals (so popular in the 1820s), if Gray were not so wary of appearing reactionary or unreasonable. Rather obviously, this romantic critique will have to posit a religion as a superior overview of human affairs that is not the result of a rationalistic human tyranny. Yet Gray is only too painfully aware of the secularism that dominates our lives. But if a romantic reaction to the dull prose of liberal capitalism cannot point heavenward, it will point downwards, to the Earth.

And this is, indeed, Gray's puzzling solution to the contemporary crisis of conservatism: he goes green. It is rather moving to see how the severity with which Gray judges great thinkers who once were his idols melts in the face of dubious charlatans such as James Lovelock and Ivan Illich, whom nobody would have expected to be exhumed from their intellectual graves.

There is something forced, maybe even slightly bogus, about Gray's godless green conservatism. It seems a brave, albeit desperate, effort to rescue conservatism after its momentary and unsuccessful flirtation with libertarian thought, but environmentalism as *ersatz* religion simply will not do. Judgments about nature's demands are notoriously tricky. They are especially hard to interpret without a corresponding doctrine of *human* nature. But perhaps one day Gray will offer us exactly that.

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Blackboard relics

David Ekserdjian

THINKING IS FORM
The Drawings of Joseph Beuys
By Ann Temkin and Bernice Rose
Thames & Hudson, £29.95

In the world of P.G. Wodehouse, female novelists are kind to dogs and happiest among their flowers. It is one aspect of the myth of Joseph Beuys, the avant-garde artist who was a founder member of the German Green Party, that he is often discussed in similarly saccharine terms. The authors of this book are closer in spirit to religious apologists than to conventional critics, and they display considerable ingenuity in defending their artist from attack.

This is particularly apparent in relation to the issue of women in Beuys's work. An early drawing included in this anthology is entitled *Amphorae*: it shows two heavy-hipped female nudes, somewhat reminiscent of the Venus of Willendorf.

Here, however, the women are headless. You would not have to be notably politically correct to wonder whether such an image did not demean by treating women as objects. But no: we are informed that "Beuys's female archetype claimed a connection to the earth, an association with seasonal cycles and growth" — which makes it all right after all. Such is the insistently eulogistic tone of this volume that it comes as a considerable shock when h is half-conceded that some of Beuys's work is insignificant.

The question of the quality of the achievement remains. Beuys's influence is incontrovertible, but his drawings do not reproduce well, and the fact that he often used "Beize" (furniture wood stainer) or animal blood as a medium does not redeem them from the charge of slightness.

The great period of drawing came in the 1950s and, to a lesser extent, the 1960s. By the end, Beuys drew mainly on blackboards during lectures, performances and demonstrations. One reason for preserving these relics is hagiographical The less savoury suspicion is that they are preserved simply because they are now worth a great deal of money. I know of a restorer who has been called upon to "conserve" a Beuys blackboard and stabilise the chalk.

In spite of all the rhetoric and the hype, Beuys is unlikely to gain many converts on the strength of this book. His devotees may regard him as modernism's heir to the mantle not only of Leonardo da Vinci, but also of Caspar David Friedrich. It is hard to see why. In the context of 20th-century German art, he hardly measures up to the likes of Dix and Beckmann before, or Baselitz and Kiefer after him. All four are by no means invariably appealing, but they do possess real stature. Beside them, Beuys looks more showman than shaman, and at best a *petit maître*.

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When Franks and Germans ruled

A.L. Rowse on the military and cultural conquests that shaped Europe and bred the intense ethnic conflicts we still see today

The direct historical consequences of medieval migration and ethnic mingling are with us to the present day. As German speakers from Eastern Europe still trickle back into Germany, Professor Robert Bartlett shows how fundamental political problems of the 20th century have their origins in the dynamic period of conquest and colonisation of six or seven centuries ago.

He brings home to us that Europe had long been familiar with expansion and colonisation all round its periphery. In this remarkable book he describes the process in detail from the early Middle Ages till the mid-14th century, when the appalling experience of the Black Death imposed a pause. The work is one of synthesis, in which the author sums up a mass of research both readably and convincingly.

The vast demographic expansion of the period took place largely, but not wholly, by conquest. An Irish king of Leinster invited the Normans in. So did David I of Scotland. In a few generations Norman descendants were kings of Scotland. Much of the process was natural enough and may be described, if unfashionably, as the survival of the fittest.

On the largest scale demographically was the German expansion into the waste and under-populated lands of Eastern Europe. For this meant not only an "aristocratic diaspora", as the author calls it, but the settlement of peoples. Real colonisation: clearing of marsh and forest, founding of free villages, sowing and planting; then towns and cities — civilisation, in the literal sense of the word. We need oot withhold the word "progress". It was certainly an improvement to inhabit a free village, if under a lord, still more a free walled town, rather than be subject to barbarian raids, rapine and slavery.

For again expansion was in part planned and orderly: conquest is followed by colonisation, which in turn leads to cultural change. The author describes how it took place, but is less certain about why. In 1066 Norman mounted knights and bowmen settled the hash of the old-fashioned Anglo-Saxons. Immediately the Normans covered northern England with castles. Then followed the cathedrals and monasteries, instruments of civilisation. William the Conqueror had contingents of Bretons and Flemings fighting for him at Hastings. The military career was a free-for-all, open to talent. Ambition, if we may dare to use the word, played its part.

What accounted for the Norman, or "Frankish", triumphs all round Europe? It was not only the demonic energy, which everybody noticed, but their new military technique, their discipline and common, devotional ideology. This holds good for Eastern Europe, where Germanisation meant Christianisation. It is an original approach to begin with the founding of bishoprics east of the Elbe,

THE MAKING OF EUROPE: Conquest, Colonisation, and Cultural Change 950-1350
By Robert Bartlett
Allen Lane, £22.50

THE KNIGHT IN MEDIEVAL ENGLAND, 1000-1400
By Peter Coss
Alan Sutton, £16.99

into Pomerania, Silesia, Scandinavia, along the Baltic. From these centres civilisation spread: schools, mints and coinage, universities.

Few historians have much aesthetic sense. It would have been good to have a section on the splendid, spreading German architecture of Eastern Europe, the cathedrals and monasteries, the soaring civic churches, indeed the civic architecture in general. Perhaps too the literature, if that were not too much to ask for.

The southward expansion is a different story. For here the militant northerners came up against a Muslim civilisation in some ways superior, if losing vitality. Here too one can see the process at work. The interior of the cathedral at Cordoba is half-mosque: the great tower of Seville is of Muslim build, with a Christian Renaissance top.

Of course there was a constant ethnic conflict — that ebbs and flows, sometimes in reverse directions. In Poland German descendants became Slavicised; in Ireland Anglo-Normans "go native", like the Fitzgeralds of Munster. Numbers prevail. What about the advantages, if rarer, of cross-fertilisation, as in Welsh culture? Or the flowering of classic Greek thought, through Arab mediacy, into our mathematics, medicine and the fuller knowledge of Aristotle?

We learn that with the later development of the high Middle Ages came a sharpening of ethnic conflict: modern "blood racism" was born. Was it a consequence of the increase of population, the filling up of empty spaces, the struggle for *Lebensraum*? If so, a mordant reflection for today. As the author says: "Europe is both a regioo and an idea."

If Professor Bartlett's book has the advantage of readability, Professor Coss's has fine illustrations to offset its unlively style. Here is visual appeal galore: effigies, knights on their tombs, sculptures; paintings, charters, seals; coloured coats of arms. The subject is the rise of the knight from humble beginnings to the pinnacle of Chaucer's idealised portrait, or Langland's devotional description in *Piers Plowman* of Christ as knight.

The treatment is not theoretical — no chivalric nonsense — but practical: what the knight did, and the clue is service to another, lord or king, bishop or even saint. We are liable to forget, if indeed we knew, that *miles* meant simply soldier, and he might be a peasant. With the development of the art of warfare he became a mounted soldier. Towards 1100 emerges the new cavalry tactic of shock combat: the use of the spear and other amenities is shown in the invaluable Bayeux needlework.

The astonishing phenomenon of the Crusades gave the knights as such a boost. Military orders were formed, the Templars and Hospitallers. In Prussia the Teutonic Knights founded virtually a state: our Henry IV fought there as a young man in what they regarded as a crusade — with more lasting results than in the eastern Mediterranean. Today we observe something of a reversal.

And so we watch the knight moving up, until he can be described as "the best chooser of a gentlewoman"; he achieves gentility. The essence of knighthood was service, the historic progression from function to (empty) honour.

A crusading knight, who may have denoted King Henry III, depicted in the Westminster Psalter c1250

Hard times in the backwoods

Alison Roberts

BLACK TICKETS
By Jayne Anne Phillips
Faber, £14.99

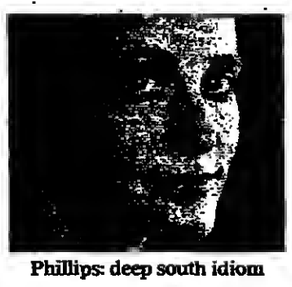
IONA MOON
By Melanie Rae Thon
Viking, £14.99

THE MATTRESS ACTRESS
By Sophie Frank
Faber, £6.99 pbk original

Jayne Anne Phillips has been hailed as the most exciting young voice in American writing, and as the best short story writer since Eudora Welty. *Black Tickets*, a set of stories from the suburbs and farmlands in the deep South, takes the relationship between parents and children as its main theme.

The stories are snapshots of lives, 27 in little more than 260 pages. Here is Mamasita, "hairy and black", who herds in her children with "her sausage smell and big stick pouring down": the whore Jamaica Delila, "your smell a clean yeast, a high white yogurt of the soul": and Kate, whose mother has a brain tumour but is denied full knowledge of its development.

Despite the often trite situations in which characters find themselves, the prose lifts the tales until, once or twice, they hit a real nerve of emodon — a daughter's expression of her irradonal love for her hardnosed, slightly senile father. Elsewhere the writing slips into a stream of consciousness encased in a deep South idiom. Sometimes this is hard to follow, but more often h reveals an unthinking, even joyful acceptance of a hard way of life.



Phillips: deep south idiom

Iona Moon by Melanie Rae Thoo details a similar hardness. In fact the novel is relentlessly depressing. None of the characters snatch more than a few minutes of happiness in a small-town, backwater world which exudes a barren pointlessness. And, paradoxically, that's the point made by the book itself — no one ever *does* anything in White Falls, Idaho, and no one ever leaves it except in a coffin. One of the protagonists' mother, who works in the local mortuary washing and making up bodies, comes to symbolise this.

Iona is the younger sister of three farm-worker brothers. The book revolves around her adolescent experiences, and those of school "friends", Jewelleen Wilder, Jay Tyler and Willy Hamilton. Early experiences of sex and work together with families in various stages of breakdown make the meat of the book — all set in a dusty, downbeat world where hard luck seems to be the only fate on offer. Iona's relationship with an older, half American Indian man flowers in a briefly moving interlude. His wooden leg rather piles on the Life is Hard theme, however.

An obsession with legs becomes too symbolically obvious. Jay Tyler, once a prize-winning diver, loses the use of his legs in a car accident and simultaneously loses the promise of a high-flying career. Iona's mother's legs are frozen in a deep winter cold, suggesting her inability to leave a life of domestic hardship. After a while it becomes unbearable.

On to another black cloud of a book. *The Mattress Actress*, a first novel by Sophie Frank, is an erotic and seedy sort of whodunnit. Ruby, a prostitute working Sydney hotels, is pursued by a mad and dangerous husband and an equally threatening and corrupt policeman who happens to frequent the parlour of her best friend Anita.

While Ruby gets caught in an unprofessional relationship with a client, a series of call-girl murders make the low-life scene more and more dangerous. There are three suspects, although the identity of the murderer is easily guessed. But Ruby becomes a tiresome character, unsympathetic and unintelligent. Much of the action is incredible — while Ruby enjoys a spot of bondage with her client-lover, for example, her husband is hiding in the cupboard. He eventually emerges, pulls a gun and there follows a nasty scene which leaves a bad taste rather than any sense of insight into character or plot.

Just a bowl of artificial cherries

Lucy Hughes-Hallett

THE LAUGHING ACADEMY
By Shena Mackay
Heinemann, £13

At the retirement-home's new year party one of Shena Mackay's characters says, "Oh, just a thimbleful, thank you", wary as much of the likely quality of the sherry as of the dangers of driving home drunk. The Filipino nurse looks bemused, vanishes, and returns ten minutes later with three drops of sherry in a battered silver thimble. It's a very Mackayesque moment. A verbal cliché is transformed into something odd, glittering and poignant.

Mackay is the encomiast of bric-a-brac. Her fictional world is crammed with small, bright, valueless things. It is full of artificial cherries and fluted lampshades, pearlised figurines and glass beads. Her characters are mostly solitary, or at least isolated. Things, rather than people, fill their minds.

We know because Mackay allows us to follow every vagary of their thought-processes. It is this that gives her fiction its capacity to disconcert and charm at once. An artist considering the possibilides of working in glass entertains an image of a craftsman making glass animals in a seaside town. She becomes impatient with this figment of her own imagindon: "Off the edge of the pier with him! — a faint hiss as a wave quenched and then closed over his bunsen burner." Another woman, musing on the "string of lovers" she has had sees an image of herself pulled across a park by a pack of dogs whose leashes cut her hands.

It is not only in the characters' minds that startling metamorphoses occur. These are fairy stories. A toad provides the key to an enchanted domain. A pair of glasses reveals a world horribly changed for the worse. The couple of lesbian antique dealers may have snapped up their animal heads at the closing-down sale of a theatrical costumiers but there is

Mackay: a surreal edge

something predatory and bestial about them, with their stoatish sharpness. But these suggestions of the supernatural coexist with beady-eyed observation. Mackay finds the fantastic not by departing from the everyday but by examining it with hilarious minuteness.

Her imagery is sensually precise but with a surreal edge to it (tortoises paoerned like chocolate Easter eggs, the inhabitants of a geriatric ward muffled up like cocooned butterflies) and she has a wonderful knack of catching the waywardness of consciousness. A woman's lover issues an ultimatum and her mind shies away from the unwelcome need to decide. "Victorian, undoubtedly, the elaborate ironwork lattice. 'Crunch time' said the broken glass under people's feet." The focusing on inanimate objects is typical; so is the fine unpredictability of the prose rhythm. These stories are as mundane and magical, extravagantly odd and intimately human as the best kind of junk shop window.

Scotland observed

Derwent May

THESE ENCHANTED WOODS
By Allan Massie
Hutchinson, £14.99

This is the second novel Allan Massie has published this year, and for this slight tale he has returned from Ancient Rome to his native Scotland. Not that one would recognise that it was Scotland except for glimpses of pine trees and a sighting of a Scottish MP in a kilt: clearly life in the countryside round Perth nowadays is viewed in exactly the same way as life in the wealthier bits of the Home Coundes.

A landowner (or laird) called Gavin gets drunker and drunker, and finally kills a child while driving. Fiona, his wife, sees to the horses and the dogs and listens to Dvořák, and toys with the idea of going back to an earlier lover. Colin, an amusing brother-in-law who has a quotation for every eventuality but no confidence in himself, falls in love with a weirdo American girl. A sister-in-law who works in public relations turns out to be a wistful lesbian. *Nouveaux riches* lodge themselves relentlessly in the social landscape. An indolent nephew meets a bright lower middle-class girl at Cambridge University and is amazed when he visits her parents in London: "He had never heard the word suburb spoken without a sneer or a laugh ... He hadn't been prepared for the sheer niceness." Their affair, one is glad to find, goes well.

It is not the kind of novel in which one can pick out central characters. It is rather a web of interesting, topical situations (income tax threats, business gambles and male homosexual fears of blackmail can be added to the list above) in which the characters are more like pegs holding the situations together than the sources of action.

On the title page, it is called a "comedy of morals" but it is not really a funny book — one smiles occasionally at the characters' ineffectuality, but they are rather exasperated smiles. *These Enchanted Woods* is sharply observed — the Labrador dog "sighing deeply", the Malvern water by the bedside, the "blighters in Japanese cars eating quiche in the lay-by" — but one reads it for the pleasures of recognition rather than the pleasures of surprise.

LANGUAGE

Trouble with fraggles

PROFESSIONAL grammarians and lexicographers are no good at ordering us how to use English, because their job is to describe, with greater subtlety than before, the slippery ways of the mother tongue, rather than lay down its supposed laws.

So the public yearning for certainty is generally met, as it always has been, by logophile amateurs and teachers who make the best of an impossible job.

Godfrey Howard (no relaodon) is a wordsmith who gives law-making a good name, as opposed to the simple souls who are persuaded that there can be only one law, and are convinced that they know it, and write to the newspapers to complain intemperately about split infinidves or BBC pronunciation. Howard likes and understands the swirling ódes of English. In his **The Good English Guide** (*Pan Macmillan, £16.99*), he gives us a provisional guide to English usage in the 1990s, arranged alphabetically in short paragraphs. He provides a liberal explanation of current usage, and sensible advice about the rules, bigotry and fetishes of Standard English.

For example, although *alibi* has come to be widely used to mean any old excuse, such as turning up late for dinner because the baby-sitter defaulted, you are wiser to reserve the word to mean being somewhere else at the time, like the baby-sitter (its original Latin meaning). This is not because the new, general meaning of *alibi* is wrong or even uneducated. *Alibi* in this sense is becoming standard — and as a verb too. But this new use vexes those who long for laws and know Latin.

TONY THORNE'S **Fads, Fashions & Cults** (*Bloomsbury, £20*) explains the passing show that gets into the mainstream press and reference books only after the beautiful people have moved on to the next craze, whether merry pranksters or Essex boys. They are invented by the media and have a short life. There is much in this book that would not be found outside specialist magazines such as *Melody Maker*. For example, those imitation antennae worn on the head by children in a brief vogue, combining intimations of extra-terrestrial and insect life, are called deelybobbers (why?); *fraggles*, meaning deranged and/or dishevelled youth, is a subdivision of the *crusty* phenomenon.

This record of the transient craze considers intellectual fashions as well as dress and pop: there are essayettes on *deconstruction* and *cut-ups*, *hyper-realism*, and the *Glasgow pups*. The battiest and most ephemeral rubbish on cults and fads is treated with scholarly objectivity, cross-reference and citation. This book will be a useful source of last resort.

Another reason for the proliferaóon of word books is not so much the urge to improve word power but the itch to play word games such as Scrabble, Word Watching and other trivial pursuits. The Bloomsbury **Dictionary of Difficult Words** (*Bloomsbury, £17.99*), edited by the American wizard of computer lexicography and editor of *Verbatim*, Laurence Urdang, gives definitions of 14,000 unfamiliar, complicated, obscure, misunderstood and misused English words with the urbanity we expect from him. The Hutchinson **Dictionary of Difficult Words** (*Hutchinson, £15.99*), edited by John Ayto, gives rather more familiar words, defined more tersely. Both mind the language and its sesquipedalianisms exhaustively; fine provided their advice is taken as only provisional, not the Law of the Medes and the Patens.

PHILIP HOWARD

In today's Russia, there are no winners. Only survivors.

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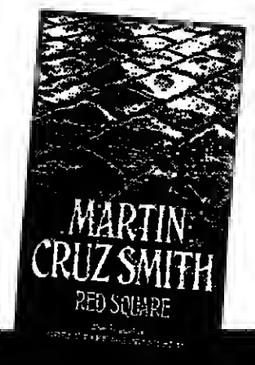

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Lyle shows signs of regaining appetite

FROM MEL WEBB IN MUNICH

THE big, fair-haired individual wandering up the 18th fairway, slightly distracted, slightly knock-kneed, could only have been one man. But then he made the onlookers stop and stare as he knocked in a 40-foot putt for an eagle, using, of all things, a long-handled putter. Yes, it was Sandy Lyle, and yes, he had capitulated to the curse of the broomhandle.

Lyle, who was completing a round of 69 in the pro-am that preceded the BMW International, which starts at the Nord-Eichenried club today, has been bedevilled by calamities on the greens this year, and he was using the broomhandle, he said, "just for a trial". Heaven only knows what his father, Alex, a professional of the old school, his first teacher and still his mentor, would have thought.

Lyle was at haste to assure everybody that he was only experimenting with the under-the-chin method. "I'll have to pluck up a bit of courage before using it in a tournament," he said. "But I've got so darned miserable this year with my putting, that I'm ready to give anything a go."

He has been much criticised for playing so little golf this season — this event is only his eighth in Europe, he has missed the cut three times and has only just over £29,000 to show for his infrequent efforts.

In that time, Lyle has slipped from Ryder Cup certainty to long-odds outsider. His appetite for the big match seemed to have gone, and he even had a low-key spat about it recently with Bernard Gallacher, the European captain.

Peace has broken out between the men again, but Gallacher has said that he wanted people in his team who were playing a lot and were in good form. Lyle has gone nowhere near to satisfying Gallacher's criteria on that count; suddenly, though, things have changed.

He is playing this week, appears next week in the US PGA championship, then comes back immediately for the Murphy's English Open and has now filed an entry for the German Open, the last counting tournament in the automatic selection process. At long last, he appears to be a man with an objective in his sporting life again.

"I'm actually playing pretty well, tee to green, but my putting has really hurt me this year," he said. "I'm just plugging away in the hope I can make something happen." Everybody connected with the Ryder Cup will be hoping that he does.

Also in the field here is Ian Woosnam, who has also suffered his travails on the greens, but who has at least earned some serious money. He is 27th in the order of merit compared with Lyle's 110th, and four top-five finishes have helped him to nearly 220,000 Ryder Cup points. He is still languishing in seventeenth place in the cup table, but victory here would put him over the 300,000 mark.

Woosnam, who spent last week humping tea chests into his new home in Jersey, has not resorted to the long-handled job being tinkered with by Lyle, but so downcast is he about his putting that as late as yesterday he still did not know which putter he was going to use in the first round, today. "Any old thing will do," he said. "Anyway, it's not the putter, it's the man behind it." Oh, the misery of it.

Lillee's line astray at Headingley

Mel Webb reports on an entertaining display on and off the fairway from a former scourge of England batsmen

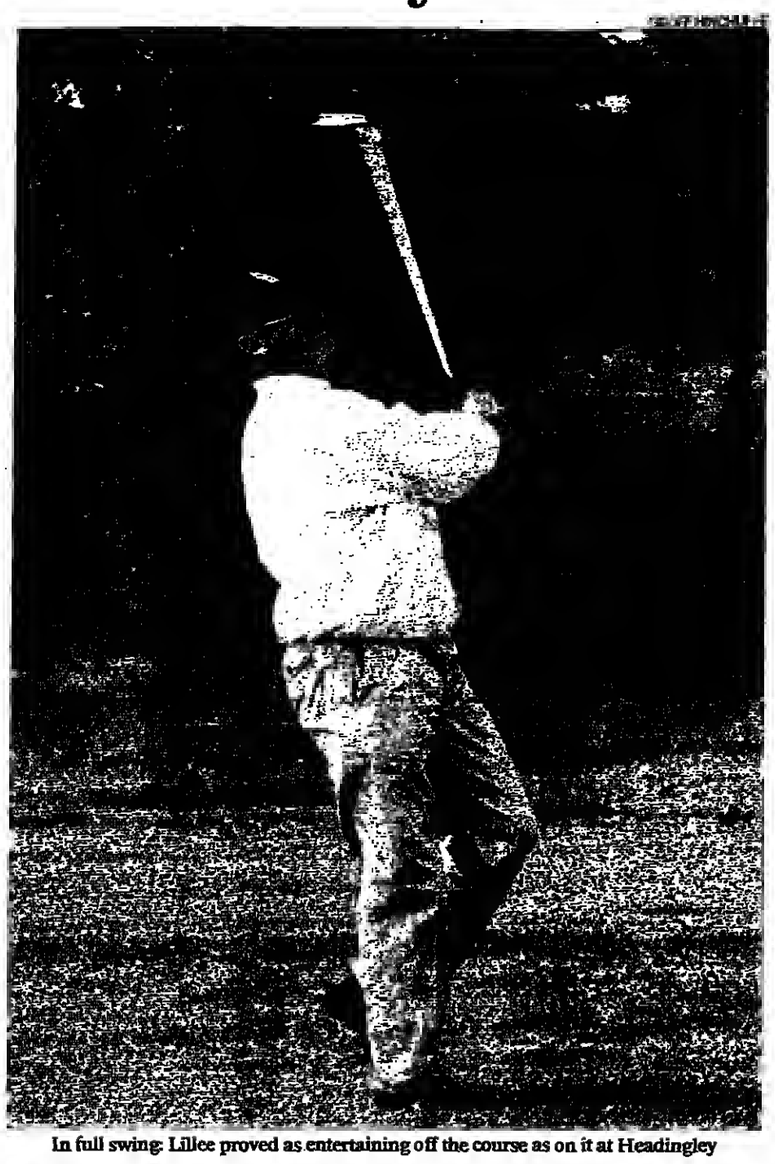
It is not many years ago that the mention of the name Dennis Lillee was enough to strike fear into the hearts of the world's best Test batsmen. In partnership with Jeff Thomson, he formed one of Australia's most feared opening bowling attacks. It is, perhaps, just as well that he chose cricket to make his sporting mark — on the available evidence, his golf would not have brought him fame and fortune.

Lillee, who in 70 Tests took 355 wickets, more than any other Australian bowler, is in this country to watch the Ashes series, and will have done his share of gloating over the sagging fortunes of

England, the old enemy. Last Friday, however, he took time off from watching his compatriots trampling all over the country's cricketers to be the guest of honour at a golf day at Headingley golf club, organised by Michael Page Finance, an international firm of financial recruitment specialists in Leeds, as part of *The Times* Olivetti Corporate Golf Challenge.

Lillee, using borrowed clubs, revealed that as a golfer he is a fine former cricketer. "When he hit the ball, it stayed hit," Fred Howie, the organiser of the day, said. "Unfortunately, he didn't always hit them straight — he hit more than the odd cover drive."

Still, Lillee gave huge entertainment to the company's employees and guests, staying on after the golf to regale them with tales of derring-do on the Test match grounds of the world. A question-and-answer session followed, and by all accounts a successful day became a satisfyingly long night.



In full swing: Lillee proved as entertaining off the course as on it at Headingley

Earlier, the leading guest among the 50 players competing had been Steve Jackson, an eight-handicapper, who came in with 35 Stableford points, and the three counting staff members were Sandy Bell (handicap 12), with 35, Stephen Banks (24), with 32, and Howie (13), with 31.

Michael Page is one of hundreds of companies which are taking part in the challenge, which is enjoying a successful first year with the financial backing of Olivetti, a world leader in information technology. There is still time to enter the competition, which reaches its regional final rounds in early October. The rules of the competition are simple. Companies that register in the challenge have to stage an 18-hole Stableford competition in which at least 25 players take part, with competitors playing off ⅞ of a maximum 24 handicap for men and 30 for women.

The 25 teams with the best aggregate score will qualify for one of five regional finals, and each team comprises the leading three members of staff and the leading guest provided they are amateurs, have an official club handicap and are available for the regional and national finals. The five regional finals will be held, all golf expenses paid, at Fulford (North), Collingtree (Midlands), Bristol and Clifton (West and Wales), Haggs Castle (Scotland and Ireland) and Foxhills (South East).

The winning team in each region will go through to the national final, to be held from November 25 to 29 at the Hyatt La Manga club resort in southern Spain, where a 36-hole Stableford competition over two days will be staged on the famous South Course, which has recently had an extensive face-lift from Arnold Palmer as part of a £30 million development package at the resort. Flights — by Viva Air, the leisure arm of Iberia, Spain's national airline — and accommodation at the five-star hotel at the resort, will be paid for by the organisers. The final has been approved by the Royal and Ancient Club, so amateur status will not be jeopardised.

A fee of £150 will register companies, for which they will receive a challenge trophy for the individual winner at their golf day, and three shields, all personalised, for the three runners-up.

Fixture lists appear weekly in the sports pages of *The Times*, and results also appear in the paper on a weekly basis. A range of personalised merchandise is also available to companies. All details are available from the challenge offices on 071-436 3415.

Baltimore sold for record fee of £115m

BY ROBERT KIRLEY

RIVAL investment groups joined forces and pledged to buy the Baltimore Orioles baseball team for $173 million (£115 million) on Monday, setting a record for the sale of a sports club.

The winning bid at a bankruptcy court auction surpassed the $140 million paid in 1989 for the Dallas Cowboys, of the National Football League. The previous record for a baseball team was set last year when a Japanese-led group acquired the Seattle Mariners for $125 million.

The Orioles went to auction when the majority owner, Eli Jacobs, filed for bankruptcy court protection after defaulting on debts earlier this year. Court documents indicate that he owes creditors $320 million. He bought the club in 1989 for $70 million.

The bidding opened at $146 million and was over in a quarter of an hour. The winners were led by Peter Angelos, a Baltimore lawyer, and William DeWitt, a Cincinnati businessman, who, before the auction, had intended to make separate bids. Their backers include prominent Baltimoreans Tom Clancy, the author, Barry Levinson, the film director, and Pam Shriver, the tennis player. The winning group plans to keep the club in Baltimore. The losers were an art dealer, Jeffrey Loria, and Jean Fugett, the head of a large food company.

The sale must be ratified by ten of the 14 American League clubs and eight of the 14 National League clubs.

The price was about $25 million higher than expected, but the Orioles are a hot property, defying trends in a sport racked by falling television revenue, exorbitant payrolls, unenviable labour relations and disaffected supporters. Last year, the club moved into a widely praised $105 million stadium in the city centre. Most important, the team is competitive, which has generated sellout crowds of 46,000.

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Valuation of matrimonial home

Wallis v Wallis

Before Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle, Lord Lowry, Lord Slynn of Hadley and Lord Woolf

[Speeches July 22]

Where, as part of financial provision on divorce, a husband was ordered, under sections 8 to 10 of the Family Law (Scotland) Act 1985, to pay to his former wife a capital sum representing half the value of the matrimonial home as a condition of her transferring her half share in the house to him, the net value of the house was to be taken as at the date of separation notwithstanding that it had increased substantially in value by the date of divorce.

The House of Lords so held in dismissing an appeal by the defender wife, Mrs Margaret Jane MacDonald or Wallis, from the order of the First Division of the Court of Session (Lord Hope, the Lord President, Lord Allanbridge and Lord Mayfield) (1992 SLT 676) reversing the sheriff's order that the capital sum to be paid to her by her former husband, the pursuer, Paul William Mark Wallis, was to take into account the change in value of the former matrimonial home between the relevant date and the date of the proof.

Section 8 of the 1985 Act provides:

"(1) In an action for divorce, either party to the marriage may apply to the court for ... (a) an order for the payment of a capital sum or the transfer of property to him by the other party to the marriage ...

"(2) ... the court shall make such order, if any, as is — (a) justified by the principles set out in section 9 of this Act; and (b) reasonable having regard to the resources of the parties. ..."

Section 9 provides: "(1) ... (a) ... the net value of the matrimonial property should be shared fairly between the parties to the marriage. .."

Section 10 provides: "(1) In applying the principle set out in section 9(1)(a) ... the net value of the matrimonial property shall be taken to be shared fairly between the parties to the marriage when it is shared equally or in such other proportions as are justified by special circumstances.

"(2) The net value of the matrimonial property shall be the value of the property at the relevant date. ..

"(3) In this section 'the relevant date' means whichever is the earlier of — (a) ... the date on which the parties ceased to cohabit; (b) the date of service of the summons in the action for divorce."

Mr D. J. D. Macfadyen, QC and Mr C. N. Macnair, both of the Scots Bar, for the wife; the husband did not appear and was not represented.

LORD KEITH said that the effect of section 9(1)(a) combined with section 10 was that in the absence of special circumstances the net value of the matrimonial property at the relevant date, in the present case the date when the parties separated, was to be shared equally between them.

The sheriff had found that there were no special circumstances shown sufficient to justify departure from the principle of equal division, and went on to express the opinion that the total net value of the matrimonial property at the relevant date might be put at £38,900 giving a sum of £19,450 for each party on an equal division.

However, in arriving at the capital sum to be paid by the husband to the wife as a condition of her transferring to him her one half share in the former matrimonial home he added to the £19,450 the sum of £12,000, being one half of the increase in value of the house between the relevant date and the date of the proof.

His Lordship stated that there could be *no* doubt that for the purposes of the division contemplated by section 9(1)(a) the matrimonial property was to be valued as at the relevant date and in the absence of special circumstances the net value as at that date was to be divided equally between the parties.

It was clear that the Act did nothing to address directly the problems which might arise where some item of matrimonial property had increased or fallen in value during the period since the relevant date, though some of those problems might be capable of being solved by application of section 8(2)(b).

Where matrimonial property wholly owned by one party had depreciated substantially in value between the relevant date and the date of the proof but at the latter date the party owning it had no other resources, an equal division as at the relevant date involving payment by the party owning the property to the other party of one half of the net value at the relevant date would result in the latter party receiving much more than the former party would be left with, which might indeed be nothing at all.

It did not appear that section 8(2)(b) could be applied in such a way as to redress the balance in a situation of that kind.

The solution might be found in a finding of special circumstances under section 10(1), although changes in the value of matrimonial property between the relevant date and the date of proof could hardly, perhaps, be regarded as so unusual as to amount to special circumstances.

It was for consideration whether amending legislation was required to enable courts to deal with such problems in such a way as to produce fair results.

Lord Jauncey delivered a concurring speech and Lord Lowry, Lord Slynn and Lord Woolf agreed.

Solicitors: Reynolds Porter & Chamberlain for Brodies, WS, Edinburgh.

Planning circular relevant

Cameron v Secretary of State for Scotland

Before Lord McCluskey, Lord Cullen and Lord Wylie

[Judgment June 30]

Where a planning authority required to apply a policy which required that a development should be permitted only if properly located in harmony with the landscape, it was not improper for it to have regard to considerations derived from a planning circular to which the policy was an exception, and which would therefore apply only if the policy was not met, because the circular provided by the policy was so ill-defined as to enable the authority to look to the circular so as to assist in giving content to the policy.

An Extra Division of the Inner House of the Court of Session so held, refusing an appeal by Mr David J. Cameron and Mrs W. Cameron under section 233 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1972 against a decision by a reporter appointed by the Secretary of State for Scotland to determine their appeal against a refusal by Highland Regional Council of outline planning permission for a dwellinghouse.

Circular No 24/1985 provides:

"3 The policy on development in the countryside condnues to be founded on the following proposition: ... (iii) Isolated development should be discouraged in the open countryside, except where: (a) circumstances are clearly identified in development plans, including where a dispersed paOern of housing might be appropriate in more remote areas ...; or (b) there are special needs, eg, the nature of employment requirements in a particular location."

Policy P101 of the development plan provides:

"Pending total coverage of adopted local plans incorporating policies on the siting and design of houses in the countryside, a general presumption in favour of such development will apply provided that: Houses are properly located in harmony with the landscape and, where appropriate, with the scale and character of local buildings ..."

Mr Colin Boyd for the appellants; Mr Gerary Moynihan for the respondent.

LORD McCLUSKY said that it was not disputed that the duty of the reporter under section 26(1) of the 1972 Act was to have regard to the development plan, and to any other material considerations: see *London Residuary Body v Lambeth London Borough Council* ([1990] 1 WLR 745).

The "material considerations" in this case included, *inter alia*, Circular No 24/1985. What was in consequence required of the reporter was that he make a planning judgment on the criterion in Policy 101, namely the location of houses in harmony with the landscape.

The appellants submitted that the reporter had misdirected himself because he had approached that question as if there was a presumption against a development of the kind proposed, instead of a presumption in favour of such development.

He had, they submitted, brought to to his consideration of the applicability of the first proviso in Policy P101 considerations derived from, *inter alia*, the circular, which it was not appropriate to have regard to at the stage of considering that proviso and the planning judgment that it necessitated.

The reporter's references to the circular were inappropriate in the context of considering the planning judgment and showed that the reporter had had regard to considerations which were not relevant to the application of Policy P101.

In his Lordship's opinion, however, even if the decision letter was read as indicating that the reporter had run all the considerations together, instead of dealing with each issue separately and in sequence, the appeal nevertheless failed. In those paragraphs the reporter variously referred to "the thrust" and to "the parameters set out in the development plan framework and Circular 24/1985". That was not illegitimate.

In the first place he was obliged, by section 26, to have regard both to that framework and to the terms of the circular.

Furthermore, he was entitled to bear in mind such criteria as could be found in those documents when making the judgment as to whether or not the proposed development was "in harmony with the landscape".

It was not wrong for him to try to obtain some point of reference for making that judgment for the words "properly located in harmony with the landscape" were really very imprecise indeed. There could be violent and diametrically opposed opinions and judgments as to what was in harmony with a particular landscape.

One had only to think of the glass pyramid outside the Louvre to realise that in making judgments about the harmony between a development and its surroundings there could be diametrically opposed differences of view.

Accordingly when a planning authority or a reporter was required to make a judgment by applying such an ill-defined, and possibly undefinable, criterion as that, it was not wrong to bear in mind all the considerations which the statute obliged it or him to have regard to in determining the planning applicadon to see if they assist in the making of that judgment.

In the circumstances, even if the decision letter was to be read as indicating that the reporter did not make the particular judgment in clinical isolation from the considerations that lay behind the circular, the reporter was not guilty of making any error of judgment that rendered the decision *ultra vires*.

Lord Wylie and Lord Cullen agreed.

Law agents: McGrigor Donald; Solicitor, Secretary of State for Scotland.

Challenge to expulsion from university

Naik v University of Stirling

Before Lord MacLean

[Judgment June 22]

Where a student averred that she had been expelled from a university incorporated by royal charter because of allegations about her conduct, it was competent for her to seek judicial review, notwithstanding that the competency of such review depended on the existence of a tripartite relationship, because such a case involved the relationship between the Queen as the granter of the university's powers and the fulfilment of those powers by the university to one of its students.

Lord MacLean, sitting in the Outer House of the Court of Session, so held, allowing a second hearing of a petition brought by Samantha Devini Naik for judicial review of a decision by the University of Stirling to terminate her studies.

Mr J. Campbell for the petitioner; Mr Alan Hamilton for the respondent.

LORD MacLEAN said that after registering as a student the petitioner had failed to pay her fees for several months, during which time she had had a series of exchanges with the university about the matter.

On any view some of what took place seemed extraordinary. His Lordship had in mind particularly but not exclusively the respondent's averments about the view of the responsible member of staff reached on the basis of what other students had said about a conversation overheard between the petitioner and her then boyfriend. What was to be noted, however, was that by the time that the decision to expel the petitioner was confirmed her behaviour seemed to have become a component in the decision.

She averred that, since the respondent's decision to exclude her from the course was based not merely upon non-payment of fees but upon matters relating to her conduct, it was obliged to follow its code of student discipline.

Under the principles elaborated in *West v Secretary of State for Scotland* (*The Times* June 11, 1992), counsel for the respondent set out three propositions which he submitted were applicable:

1 The respondent was in the same position as the prison service in *West*. Its decision had not been made in the exercise of a jurisdiction, power of authority which had been delegated or entrusted to it by any statute, agreement or other instrument.

2 The decision had not been made by a body or person which was idenOifiably separate from the respondent.

3 In terminating membership of the university, the respondent had acted in the context of a bipartite relationship in which it exercised its own rules which governed one aspect of its legal relationship with one class of its members — that class being students.

Counsel placed especial emphasis on what the court had said in *West*, namely, "Contractual rights and obligations, such as those between employer and employee, are not as such amenable to judicial review. The cases in which the exercise of the supervisory jurisdiction is appropriate involve a tripartite relationship, between the person or body to whom the jurisdiction, power or authority has been delegated or entrusted, the person or body by whom it has been delegated or entrusted and the person or persons in respect of or for whose benefit that jurisdiction, power or authority is to be exercised." No such tripartite relationship existed, he maintained, in this case.

His Lordship confessed that he had considerable difficulty in understanding that in every case in which application was made to the supervisory jurisdiction of the Court of Session there had to exist such a tripartite relationship. That seemed to impose an inflexible and over-formal restraint upon the court's jurisdiction. In this case, however, such a relationship could be discerned.

The petitioner averred that this was not a mere case of non-payment of fees, but was also a case involving her conduct, and also to some extent the conduct of the respondent which she averred had created a legitimate expectation to her.

In his Lordship's opinion, this might not be a simple case of non-payment of fees by a student. It involved the relationship of the Queen as the granter of the powers to the respondent and the fulfilment of those powers by the respondent to one of their members, namely a student.

The respondent was empowered by her Majesty to prescribe rules for the discipline of the students. It had duly prescribed those rules but then, according to the petitioner, failed to observe them in relation to her when excluding her from her course. That failure in the circumstances fell within the principles of *West*.

His Lordship would, however, wish to reserve his opinion on the question whether the decision to exclude a student from the university for non-payment of fees, without more, would be subject to the supervisory jurisdiction of the court. His Lordship therefore rejected the submission that the petition should be dismissed, but reserved the respondent's plea to the competency of the application.

Law agents: Ketche & Stevens; Dundas & Wilson.

Conditions of prison interviews in preparing for appeal

Donaldson v Secretary of State for Scotland

Before Lord Murray

[Judgment June 22]

Where a prisoner preparing for an appeal had visits from friends assisting in those preparations, which were conducted within earshot of a prison officer who was sitting too close for the prisoner's comfort, and at which he required to raise his voice to be heard through an aperture in a screen, he had no relevant grounds for judicial review of the conditions of the visits.

Lord Murray, sitting in the Outer House of the Court of Session, so held, dismissing as irrelevant a petition brought by Derek Donaldson for judicial review of a decision by the Secretary of State for Scotland as to the conditions under which he should meet visitors assisting in preparations for his appeal.

Rule 131 of the Prison (Scotland) Rules 1952 (SI 1952 No 565 (S18)) provides:

"(1) An appellant shall be allowed a visit from his legal adviser regarding the prosecution of his appeal ... any such visit shall take place in the sight but not in the hearing of an officer."

"(3) An appellant shall be allowed a visit from any other person with whom it is necessary for him to have an interview in connection with his appeal ... save that any such visit shall be in both the sight and hearing of an officer."

Miss Joanna Johnston for the petitioner; Miss Susan O'Brien for the respondent.

LORD MURRAY said that the petitioner had the status of an appellant in a prison for which the respondent was responsible.

He complained about visits under rule 131(3), which he maintained were conducted in a fashion which prejudiced the preparation of his appeal because of the need of privacy, and for him to conduct certain enquiries on a confidential basis.

While there might be force in what was said on his behalf, it did not appear that he had been accorded anything but the normal prison facilities for visits to appellants. Those, of course, might conceivably give rise to particular prejudice in his case.

However, his Lordship was not persuaded that the enquiries which he wished to be made and reported on in a confidential manner could not be effectively done, for the most part, on his behalf by his solicitor in visits conducted under rule 131(1).

On the assumption that future interviews under rule 131(3) involving the petitioner would be conducted on the normal basis, it could not be said that the decision of the respondent was unreasonable in the circumstances.

Law agents: Anderson Strathern, WS; Solicitor, Secretary of State for Scotland.

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Sautin's excellence denies Welshman victory in final of highboard event

Silver medal is poor reward for Morgan

By Craig Lord

ROBERT Morgan placed himself on automatic pilot to execute ten of the best dives of his life yesterday and win the silver medal in the highboard (ten-metre) event at the European swimming championships in Sheffield.

His effort equalled the narrowest defeat in the history of big diving championships; Joaquin Capilla, of Mexico, beat Gary Tobian, of the United States, by 0.03 points for the Olympic highboard title at Melbourne in 1956.

Cheered on by the largest crowd, of about 500, seen at his home training pool of Ponds Forge for diving, Morgan had climbed nine steps to heaven and went into his tenth and final dive five points clear of Dimitri Sautin, his Russian rival, who was second two years ago when the Welshman was third.

Although Morgan did not falter on his tenth dive, Sautin's excellence earned five 9.0 and two 8.5 scores and sent him just beyond the Briton's 617.70 points.

Morgan's finest effort came in the ninth round, when he scored 87.72 points for a reverse three-and-a-half somersaults with tuck that unfolded with gazelle-like grace and finished at about 32 miles per hour with the accuracy of a laser beam.

The magnificence of the diving was spoilt only by the difference in the total scores, which was so minimal as to be farcical; it meant that one judge had awarded Sautin, 19, less than half a point more than Morgan, 26, at some point during the ten-dives per diver contest. Morgan, from Llantwit Major, was "a bit choked". He counted his performance as the best of his 12-year career and thought it might be a good idea to have a minimum by which one diver could beat another.

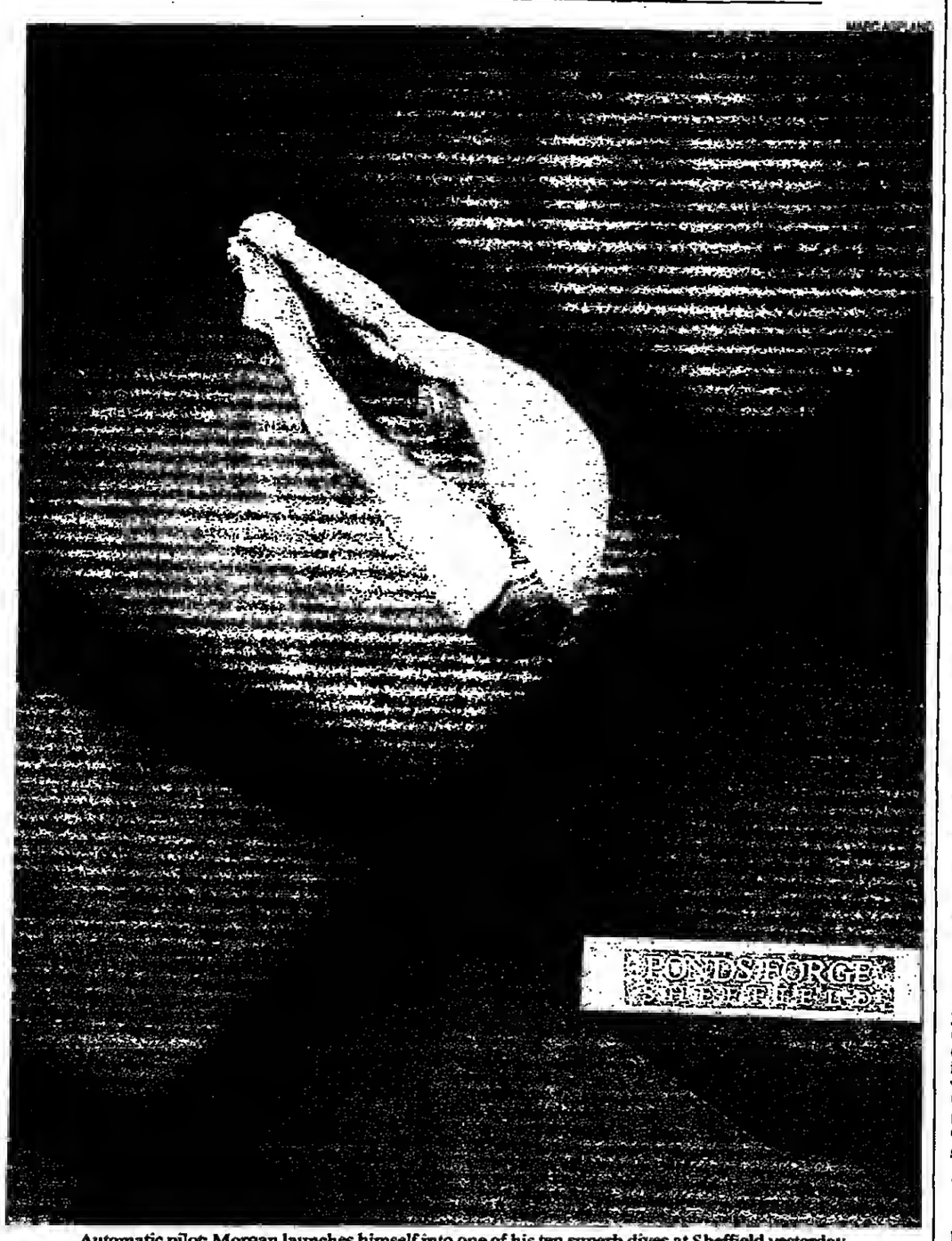
He was gracious in defeat, however, and said he had not taken the title for granted after the ninth round because of the quality of his rivals, Sautin, and Jan Hempel.

If the Russian resembled a robot for much of his show, and Hempel looked unassailable until his guard dropped as the final drew to its conclusion, Morgan displayed the most acute concentration of his career.

He said he did not feel under pressure at the last hurdle, which, like that of all his rivals, was a free back half somersault with three-and-a-half twists. Only the dive before, his ninth and carrying a high 3.4 degree of difficulty, caused him to show momentary emotion. His dives were like "being on autopilot. You usually see water, water, water as you tumble, and hopefully thoughts of the dive should be like a computer".

Morgan's thoughts will return to his wallet this morning. A receiver of limited sponsorship, he said: "I live a life in debt. The worst it got was about £5,000."

But Morgan, coached by Mike Edge, will carry on, a professional in approach yet one of the last true amateurs of this sporting age, until the Olympic Games in Atlanta in 1996 and wants to continue as a coach in the sport after that.



Automatic pilot: Morgan launches himself into one of his ten superb dives at Sheffield yesterday

Pickering prospers as Van Almsick triumphs

By Craig Lord

FRANZISKA van Almsick claimed her third title in the European championships at Sheffield yesterday, while the Great Britain women's team had a good day, winning two bronze medals to add to Robert Morgan's diving silver.

While Van Almsick, 15, of Germany, missed the world record in the 200 metres freestyle by 0.42sec, winning in 1min 57.97sec, a championship record, her victory produced less excitement than many other races, including the one going on behind her.

Karen Pickering, 21, of Ipswich, had turned fifth behind the German, who was almost 1.5sec up on world-record pace at the half-way mark. But then Britain's best sprinter confounded her critics, who have said she fails to produce her best on the big occasion.

After being stroke for stroke down the last length with Malin Nilsson, of Sweden, in the lane next to her, she snatched the bronze medal, her first important international prize, in 2min 01.15sec, behind van Almsick and Dobrescu.

Pickering heard news of Marie Hardiman's bronze in the 200 metres breaststroke, in an English record time of 2min 32.48sec, while in her press conference.

"This proves we can do it," Pickering said. "I think we've just been allowed to do what we wanted in terms of preparation. There have been no official training camps, we've been left alone and come up with the goods. No more camps please, that's official."

Van Almsick, who stands to collect another four titles at Ponds Forge this week, said she had faded from world record pace because of the fatigue caused by her two gold medal-winning performances on Tuesday. But she was confident she had enough rest periods now to continue a successful search for seven gold medals.

Tamas Darnyi returned to claim the 400 metres medley title he won at the 1987 and 1989 championships. His effort confirmed Luca Sacchi, of Italy, as caretaker champion in 1991, when Darnyi, the Olympic and world champion from Hungary, was absent. This time, Sacchi was absent, choosing to train for the world championships in Rome next year.

But Darnyi did not have things all his own way. Though it seemed that Jani Sievenen, 19, from Finland, had given up the fight after losing a lead of a few metres during the breaststroke leg, he fought back valiantly to pull almost level with Darnyi, whose longer reach proved his salvation. Darnyi won by 0.27sec in 4mins 15.24sec. In winning the women's 200 metres breaststroke, Brigitte Becue became the first Belgian champion since Raymonde Wegauwen won the men's 200 metres breaststroke in 1950, and Milos Milosevic became the first Croat medal winner, finishing third behind Rafal Szukala, of Poland, in the 100 metres butterfly.

League removes Barnet embargo

By Our Sports Staff

THE Football League yesterday lifted their transfer embargo on Barnet.

The reprieve came after the second division club complied with the Football League and Professional Footballers' Association requirements on outstanding payments to players.

A week ago, Barnet, reportedly £1.3 million in debt, assured the League they would be able to fulfil their fixtures this season, after raising about £250,000.

Barnet have only five players left under contract, and Gary Phillips, their caretaker manager, hopes to register several players to play in a friendly at Stafford Rangers today. "I need another couple of players to agree to join us and we'll be ready for the kick-off," Phillips said.

The Football League's lower-division clubs received a financial boost yesterday when Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, extended the reduction in the pools betting duty for another five years, from 1995. This will be worth about £100 million to second and third division clubs.

The money will be distributed by the Football Trust for ground improvements to meet the requirements of the Taylor Report. The improvements, due by August 1999, are costed at £295 million.

Arsenal, meanwhile, are still waiting for seating to be put in to the lower tier of the new north stand. "We've been assured that it will be in place in time for the first match," Ken Friar, the chief executive, said.

George Graham, the Arsenal manager, yesterday followed Sheffield Wednesday's lead and refused to meet Queens Park Rangers's valuation of £3 million for Andy Sinton. "I don't anticipate any signings before the start of the season," he said.

Sunderland's bid for Andy Melville, Oxford United's Welsh international central defender, was put on hold yesterday as Anton Rogan, their defender, refused to move to Oxford.

Whittingham moves

RON Atkinson yesterday took his Aston Villa transfer turnover in his two years as manager to £23.5 million when he signed the forward, Guy Whittingham, from Portsmouth.

Whittingham cost £800,000 in cash plus the midfield player, Mark Blake, and played in a friendly at Walsall last night. His attitude has already impressed Atkinson. "That's the end of my spending for the time being," he said.

The Villa manager believes he has powerful competition for places in all areas plus English cover for foreign players in Uefa Cup ties. Whittingham, in negotiating his own move, left behind a disappointed Portsmouth manager, Jim Smith, who believed he was worth more.

Lee Chapman, the Leeds United striker, is likely to join Portsmouth as Whittingham's replacement after failing to agree terms with the West Ham United manager, Billy Bonds, last night. West Ham had agreed a fee of £200,000 with Leeds.

J-Hawk earns 16st of champagne

By Alix Ramsay

AFTER two days of gusting and unpredictable winds, the conditions yesterday provided a pleasant antidote for the battered Cowes Week fleet. A gentle Force 3 breeze made for an easier day and gave the crews the chance to enjoy themselves.

The crew of J-Hawk will certainly be enjoying themselves tomorrow. Yesterday, they won the Britannia Cup in CHS class 1, which earned them their owner's weight in champagne. Set one of the most challenging and longest courses of the week at 30 miles, they finished less than a minute ahead of Jerry Wenke's Serenity II. The official weigh-in is tomorrow evening, giving J-Hawk's crew time to fatten up the already powerful 16st Nigel Bramwell to ensure there is plenty of champagne to go around.

Richard Matthews's Crusader, the winner last year, could manage only sixth place, which will come as a great relief to the sponsors. Matthews is also a strapping lad and last year Champagne Mumm were obliged to send to the mainland for more supplies when he stepped up to the scales.

Robin Knox-Johnston, who is more used to open seas, found the going tougher within the confines of the Solent. Racing on Broomstick, the winner of the recent Cape Town to Rio race, he came thirteenth, despite the able assistance of a crew from the Royal Navy.

There was something for the Duke of Edinburgh to relish after a series of miserable results at Cowes over many a long year — he ended his participation in this year's regatta by winning the Land Rover Trophy in the Sigma 38 class. Skippering Yeoman XXVIII, the duke got off to a flying start and maintained his lead to come home more than a minute ahead of Arbitrator, owned by Pippa Bailey who has won twice already this week.

Ex-King Constantine of Greece was so delighted that he celebrated by hitting the duke over the head with his hat as they crossed the line.

But for the oldest boat in the fleet, Summer Pudding, there was an ignominious ending. After winning on Sunday and being in contention for much of the week, it ran aground at Stone Point. Crew members tried to refloat the yacht until eventually they had to be towed back to deep water.

The only unbeaten record at Cowes this year belongs to George Jordan in the National Squib class. He registered his fifth consecutive win in Atom, which made his trip from the Royal Yorkshire yacht club worthwhile. At 21 years of age he is doing better than his father, Richard, who is sailing the Dragon, Vivacious, and has yet to win a race. But Jordan Sr is pleased to be competing at all, having restored the ageing Vivacious to her former glory and testing her for the first time on the Solent.

COWES WEEK RESULTS

ROYAL YACHT SQUADRON REGATTA: CHS: Class 1: 1, J-Hawk (N Bramwell); 2, Serenity II (J Wernke), 3, Encore (J Dolan). Class 2: 1, Local Hero (C Howison); 2, Jackdaw (D and A Walters); 3, Ross Systems (J Visser). Class 3: 1, Jellord (F Brown); 2, Panic 4 (B Leigh), 3, Jemanella 6 (A Gray). Class 4: 1, Sandette (J Krigsman); 2, French Berret (P Dyer); 3, Dasle (A Wirodihardjo). Class 5: 1, Wildfire (P Handley); 2, Pewky Goo (J and M Ingram); 3, Stargirl (D Wansbrough). Class 6: 1, Needlework (J Lord); 2, Charlotte Sometimes (E Donald); 3, Pickles (R Williams).

IMS Class A: 1, Magic (P Vroon); 2, Akoya (D Saving); 3, Antwerp Express (J Kalish). Sigma 38 Land Rover Trophy: 1, Yeomen XXVIII (HRH Prince Philip); 2, Arbitrator (P Bailey); 3, Scorpio (V Watkins). Sigma 33 Nicholl Memorial Trophy: 1, Shadowfax (J Nelson); 2, Shogun of Lawranny (R Elliott); 3, Offbeat (D McLaren). Contessa 32: 1, Wight Rabit (P Raffe); 2, Trader Jo (J Gresham); 3, Blanco (T Varner). South Coast OD: 1, Tunela (R Harding); 2, Tio Pepe (P Rooke); 3, Mahogenny Log (A Hitt). J 24: 1, Head Case (J Calestone); 2, Didgeridoo (P Barton); 3, Cheptic (S Hine).

Sonata: 1, Cadenzza (J Froy); 2, Freusli II (D Riley); 3, Nocturne (R Watson). Daring: 1, Dauntless (P Porter); 2, Ding Dong (R Ottaway); 3, Audax (P Romer-Lee). Etchells: 1, Maverick (A Fisk); 2, Intruder (M Law); 3, Arbitrator (S Bailey). Dragon: 1, Warrior (J Thornton); 2, Dragon Lady (A Garrett); 3, Quicksilver (R Campbell). Swallow: 1, Kingfisher (J Cunnison); 2, Echo (C Body); 3, Boomerang (J Buckwell). Redwing: 1, Red Gauntlet (P Stratton); 2, Prawn (M Andreas); 3, Avocet (M Richardson). Sunbeam: 1, Santa Baby (M Williamson); 2, Jenny (A Stannah); 3, Symphony (D McGregor).

Mermaid: 1, Haitu (R Hitt); 2, Bluebell (S Shead); 3, Scuttle (M Houdret). Flying 15: 1, Gripple Nipper (G Latham); 2, Forrader (D Rutherford); 3, True Colours (M Dixon and S Scriven). XOD: 1, Zoe (J Tombs); 2, Crumpet (P Grundy); 3, Carlad (D Mossman). Squib: 1, Atom (G Jordan); 2, Notorious (G Richards); 3, Bacchante VI (H Worden). Victory: 1, Nada (I Perryman); 2, Steadfast (B Middleditch); 3, Woozle (N Salton-Smith).

Prince Philip fires another broadside

THE Duke of Edinburgh has certainly made his mark on Cowes Week, to such an extent that his victory yesterday was almost overshadowed by his onshore activities. After accusing the local council bureaucrats of being "worse than Brussels", he left one councillor less than impressed after her brush with royalty. Introduced to the lady in question — who wishes to remain anonymous — the duke asked her if she, too, was a visitor to the Isle of Wight. When she replied that she was a local, he responded: "The natives here are very friendly. Perhaps we should give them some beads."

Bubbly boss

What a difference a crew can make. Two years ago, Wings of Oracle failed miserably to make an impression on the Admiral's Cup. This year, renamed Great News II, and with no alterations bar a change of personnel, it leads the results table. The owner, John Calvert-Jones, knows how to keep his crew happy. After winning the two-ton race for the Champagne Mumm Trophy, Calvert-Jones won his weight in champagne. Determined to get the most out of the sponsor, he had a lead bra specially made which he wore, carrying all before him, for the weigh-in. The trick worked a treat as he and his lead-lined frontage earned seven cases of magnums.

Stowaway

After winning few friends over their refusal to allow the Irish team to enter a replacement yacht for Harold Cudmore's mangled Jameson 1, the French Corum team is trying to repair the damage. Discretion would have been the better part of valour in the delicate matter of diplomacy. For the Corum Trophy, the third race in the Admiral's Cup, the press boat was heavily stocked with bottles of wine to help the creative process. Branded with the Corum logo, the plonk was anything but French, being Australia's Jacob's Creek.

Alix Ramsay

SPORT IN BRIEF

Nieberg produces goods for Germany

LARS Nieberg, a promising young international, gave Germany its second win in two days at the Dublin international horse show yesterday — some compensation for the country's unexpectedly poor showing in the European championship at the weekend.

Riders choose their own line over the jumps and Nieberg's strategy was to be close to the finish when the final bell sounded. Even a fast gallop over a short distance can be costly in an event when time is counted in 100th of a second. Marie Edgar, on Everest Unique, had a similar plan but she knocked a fence to finish sixth, 1.5 seconds after the winner.

Roger Yves-Bost, of France, an acknowledged master at turning a horse at speed over jumps, won the Kerrygold Table A in an 11-horse jump-off. The event was a qualifier for the show's speed championship. Robert Smith got through on Cannonball.

British on even keel

RAFTING: Great Britain were heading for a slalom victory in the J & B European championship in Solden, Austria, yesterday when dangerous water conditions caused racing to be suspended. Britain, fielding a team packed with world-class canoe slalomists, led Slovenia by 2.61sec after the first round, but competitors immediately encountered difficulties on the second run.

The Spanish capsized and the Italian squad was rescued after being overturned. Mario Manganotti, a crew member, was taken to hospital with a broken leg. The second round will be re-run this morning before the championship ends with a 525-metre head-to-head in the afternoon.

Juniors make progress

ROWING: Graham Smith and Elizabeth Henshilwood made an impressive start in their quest to make history in the 40-nation world junior championships in Arungen, Norway, yesterday. Smith, stroke of the British coxless four and chasing his third junior gold medal, led his crew to a comfortable win over Poland to progress to the semi-finals tomorrow. Henshilwood, appearing in her third junior championship and trying to win a junior medal for the first time, progressed to the final on Saturday on the strength of her coxless pair performance with Tessa Morris.

England girls recover

SQUASH: England beat Scotland 3-0 in Kuala Lumpur yesterday to recover some of the ground lost in the early qualifying rounds of the world junior women's team championship. Jenny Tranfield, the best of the English girls in the individual championship last week, set the tone for victory. She resisted a spirited Wendy Maitland to win 6-9, 9-4, 8-10, 9-7, 9-2 in 55 minutes. This inspired Donia Leeves, the England No 1, who defeated Claire Waddell 7-9, 9-3, 9-0, 9-3 in 34 minutes. Stephanie Brind completed the clean sweep, 9-1, 9-3, 9-1 in 20 minutes against Pamela Nimmo.

Eilberg reaches goal

EQUESTRIANISM: Ferdi Eilberg, who adopted British nationality three years ago, has achieved his ambition to ride for Britain after being selected with Vivien Sturt's Arun Tor for the European dressage championships, which take place in Lipica, Slovenia, from September 2 to 5. The team is Richard Davison, on Master JCB, Emil Faurie (Virtu), Laura Fry (Quarryman) and Eilberg. British hopes of a medal in Slovenia are high after the team finished third in the Aachen show last month, the best result by a British dressage team for many years.

Touring team accused

RUGBY UNION: The South Africans beat Australian Capital Territory (ACT) 57-10 in an ill-tempered match in Canberra yesterday. The touring team ran in seven tries, including two each from their scrum half, Joost van der Westhuizen, and Chester Williams, the wing. The game was marred by brawling during the second half. John Kelsey, the ACT coach, who announced his resignation after the game, criticised the South Africans, saying: "Guys running in from 20 or 30 metres away to belt people is pretty cowardly."

Barrett fights back

BOXING: Pat Barrett, of Manchester, is to make an attempt to win a British title after a four-year gap. The former European light-welterweight holder, will meet John Davies, of Wales, for the vacant welterweight championship in Cardiff on September 22. Since losing a WBO challenge against Manning Galloway just over a year ago, Barrett has had two one-round wins in Italy, the last in December. He won the British light-welterweight crown by knocking out Tony Willis in May 1989.

Christie inspires Way

WINDSURFING: Penny Way, right, the former world champion, has announced that she will compete in the 1996 Olympic Games in her quest for a gold medal. Way, who will be 34 by then, says she has been inspired by the example of the Olympic sprint champion, Linford Christie, after her own disappointment in Barcelona. She has just reclaimed her national title despite having trained for only three weeks.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 40

PLANXTY
(b) Irish music. Also known as *plangstee, plansty*; (Stainer and Barrett): "A harp tune of a supported and animated character, moving in triplets. It is not intended for or often adaptable to words, and is slower in pace than the jig." Some suggest its formation in some way comes from the Latin *plangere* to strike, beat.

INCUNABULA
(a) The earliest stages or first traces in the development of anything; swaddling clothes, hence cradle and childhood, beginning, origin. Neale (1861) from *Notes Dalmatia*: "What are incunabula? you ask. It is the name that Germans give to books printed before 1500."

HEYDUCK
(c) A term meaning originally robber, marauder, brigand; (a sense still retained in Serbia and ajacent countries), which in Hungary became the name of a special body of foot-soldiers (to whom the rank of nobility and a territory were given in 1605), and in Poland of the liveried personal followers or attendants of the nobles. J. Stephens (1615): "Like the Hungarian Heyducks their wrath is prone to mischief, and their amity is worth nothing."

ZAFTIG
(a) Also *zoftig, zofti(c)k*; [Yiddish, *saftig* juicy] of a woman: plump, curvaceous, sexy. E. McBain (1960): "A zaftig red-head. . . in her early thirties." R. Hayes (1973) from Hungarian Game: "That zoftig colonel was not a colonel at all. I checked her out in Budapest."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE
After 1 Ba7! Qe8 2 Qf5+ e6 3 dxe6, the black king cannot escape from the impending Rb8 mating.

Briton falters on championship road

Robb's campaign stumbles with grand prix defeat

David Miller reports on a British athlete whose ambitions received a setback in Zurich last night

TWENTY-FIVE years ago, Curtis Robb, by being sixth in an Olympic 800 metres final at the age of only 20, would have been something of a figurehead alongside David Hemery. In the wake of Coe, Ovett, Cram and Elliott, he barely rippled the surface of national awareness last year.

Last night, this Liverpool medical student, heavily committed to qualifying at a Sheffield teaching hospital, took what should have been an important step step along the road to what he hopes will be a medal in the forthcoming world championships in Stuttgart and, more important, at the centenary Olympic Games in Atlanta in three years' time.

It was a night, unfortunately, when little went right for him. Going into the second bend at the grand prix meeting here, he was trailing the leaders in seventh or eighth position in a field of 11 and had been unable to improve on this by the bell. As Johnnie Gray, of the United States, third in last year's Olympics, strode home ahead of Andrea Benvenuti, of Italy, fourth in Barcelona, in a fastish 1min 44.03sec, Robb's performance was disintegrating at the back.

When Robb won his first of two English schools 1500 metres titles in 1989, his father placed a bet on him for 1996. Attempting to sustain simultaneously his medical and sporting careers — similar to Coe at Loughborough in 1975-79, only academically longer — Robb says that for Atlanta he will take the winter off from studying, as Coe did, and that all being well he will attempt to double up in two events, as did the illustrious quartet of the 1980s.

It was unclear last night whether Robb might have suffered a recurrence of the infection he had earlier this season. All of the first six from Barcelona were in the field, but he was never in contention, stumbling midway down the second back strait. In the B race run moments before, Billy Konchellah, from Kenya, the world champion in 1987 and 1991 won a thrilling finish by a vest from Paul Ereng, the 1988 Olympic champion, also from Kenya.

Significantly, last winter Robb raised his training volume by a third; at 60 miles per week only slightly more than Coe was running prior to his three world records in 1979, aged 23. Last year's Olympic experience was invaluable, and in three years' time Robb should be at a peak.

"I was disappointed in Barcelona," he reflects. "I was badly banged by Mike Everitt (the American who did not finish), and it taught me the need to be more physical — not to use elbows, but to lean on people while still keeping your rhythm." At over six feet tall, there is no reason for him to be shoved around.

The Barcelona experience also provided inspiration, for he went to the line for the final thinking "here I am on probably half the work the other fellows are doing". It persuaded him that over the next 12 months he would be matching them, and he has the advantage of being free this year from exams until next January.

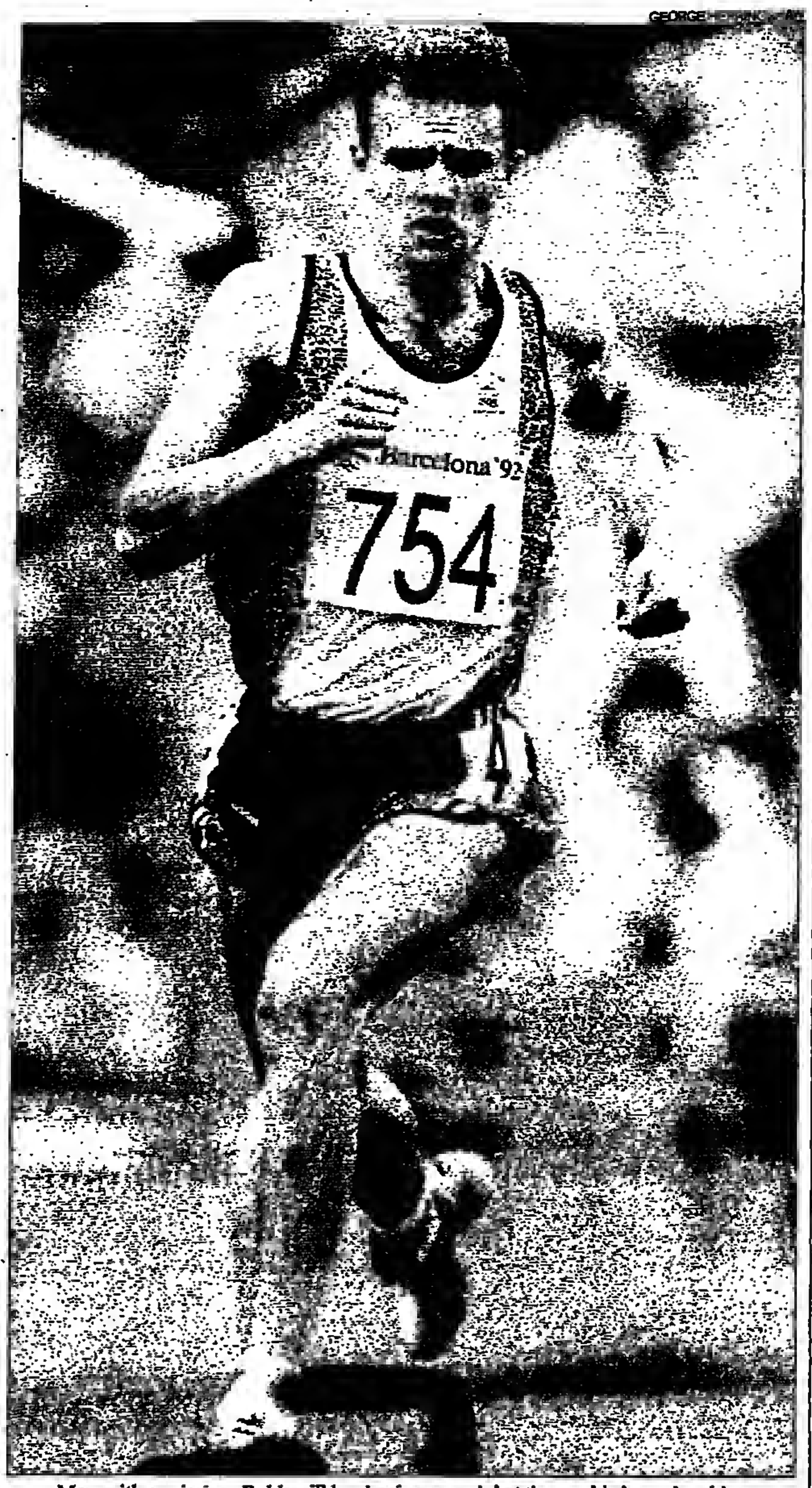
In spite of periods of ward duty, when he is on call for 24 hours — sleeping at the hospital between emergencies, with a bleeper — he has a relaxed attitude which helps him to accommodate parallel ambitions. Time will tell whether the mental balance between the two assists or retards his performance on the track.

Having suffered meningitis when he was two, he recognises he would not be here but for medicine. Having been on the terraces at the Hillsborough disaster, as a 16-year-old Liverpool season ticket-holder, he knows that lives are more important than races. His perspectives are mature for his years.

In a sense, his athletic prominence is accidental. He joined Liverpool Harriers at 11, but for a long while was an only occasional performer. At 16, he joined Ernie Gallagher as his coach and began training with Steve Johnson. When Johnson won the schools 1500 metres title and Robb came fourth, aged 16, the dye was cast. "I decided it was time I started to work at it!" Yet he does not recall his times: "3:56, maybe 3:52, or whatever."

His attitude is an admirable example to under-achievers; that many things are possible if you work at them. He thinks the framework of his present double life will satisfactorily see him through the next ten years. The year following Atlanta he will take time off from athletics to conclude his qualification, then decide whether to specialise.

The excitement is that this season he has been achieving 8 x 300 repetitions in an average of just over 38 seconds, though not yet able to throw in, like Coe, the occasional 36. "I wish," he says with a smile, "that I'd been more appreciative at the time of the Coe-Ovett-Cram era. I just thought they were normal."



GEORGE HERRINGSHAW

Man with a mission: Robb will be chasing a medal at the world championships

Suspension puts Dorovskikh out of championships

By Our Sports Staff

TATYANA Dorovskikh, of the Ukraine, has been suspended from athletics competition pending a hearing by her national athletics federation, after testing positive for a banned drug.

The Ukrainian federation said yesterday it would meet on August 25, so Dorovskikh, the world 3,000 metres champion, will miss the world championships, which begin in Stuttgart on August 14.

Daniil Gorodetsky, the acting head of the Ukrainian federation, said in a telephone interview in Kiev: "The federation cannot draw any final conclusions until the federation's executive body meeting, which is due on August 25. Now we cannot say 'yes' or 'no' about Dorovskikh's fate.

"This meeting will itself decide and she is expected to participate. We have informed the International Amateur Athletic Federation [IAAF] about this meeting."

Dorovskikh, 32, tested positive for a banned drug at an international meeting in Budapest on June 15. She faces a four-year ban if the first test is confirmed and the substance is a steroid. A spokesman for the IAAF said he could not name the drug involved.

Gorodetsky said: "There was this fact in Budapest, we have this information. But earlier, before Budapest in the middle of June, Dorovskikh had five very important international competitions with serious testings — in Italy, Spain, France etc. There were no positive testings for a banned drugs over there."

Dorovskikh is one of the greatest women middle distance runners of all time.

In 1987, she won the 1,500-3,000 metres double at the world championships in Rome, and in the following year she clinched the Olympic 3,000 metres title. After a break from competition to give birth to a son, she returned to the track in 1991 and won the 1,500 metres silver and the 3,000 metres gold at the world championships in Tokyo.

William Sigei, the world cross-country champion, has been added to the Kenyan 10,000 metres squad for the world championships despite failing to finish in the trials.

Sigei was selected after Yobes Ondieki, the world 10,000 metres record holder and 5,000 metres champion, snubbed the trials last week.

Meanwhile, militants opposed to Berlin's bid to stage the 2000 Olympics have threatened to disrupt the Games if they are awarded to the German capital, according to a letter received on Tuesday.

The International Olympic Committee will announce the host of the 2000 Games at a meeting in Monte Carlo on September 23. Sydney, Manchester, Peking, Istanbul and Brasilia also are in the running.

Berlin's bid has suffered because of opposition by a group of militants who have staged violent protests against the Olympics. Last month, the group damaged a satellite antenna in Berlin, disrupting cable receptions for 90,000 households for several hours.

In a letter to the German sports news agency, SID, received on Tuesday, the group threatened "massive acts of sabotage" during the Games if they are awarded to Berlin. The letter was signed, "Autonomous Group with Pliers Against the Olympics."

The "autonomen," as they generally refer to themselves, are a loosely organised anarchist group who frequently clash violently with police and rightists.

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Pittsburgh Pirates 7, Chicago Cubs 3; Cincinnati Reds 5, Colorado Rockies 4, Montreal Expos 3, New York Mets 1, Philadelphia Phillies 5, Atlanta Braves 3, Houston Astros 6, Los Angeles Dodgers 1; Florida Marlins 1, St Louis Cardinals 0, San Francisco Giants 12, San Diego Padres 7.
AMERICAN LEAGUE: Cleveland Indians 9, Detroit Tigers 4, Toronto Blue Jays 6, New York Yankees 6, Baltimore Orioles 13, Milwaukee Brewers 8; Minnesota Twins 6, Boston Red Sox 1; Chicago White Sox 11, Texas Rangers 6; California Angels 3, Kansas City Royals 2; Seattle Mariners 5, Oakland A's 4

BOWLS

ROYAL LEAMINGTON SPA: Liverpool Victoria English women's national championships: Triples: Quarter-finals: Chesham bt Norton, Durham, 16-9; Park Avenue, Grimsby bt Rugby Thornfield, 16-15; Colchester bt Fenhill, Swindon, 22-19; Great Baddow, Essex bt Banbury Central, 18-14. Semi-finals: Park Avenue bt Chesham, 17-16; Great Baddow bt Colchester, 18-14. Final: Great Baddow (W Buckingham, V Haste, J Polley) bt Grimsby Park Avenue (N Hall, A Gawshall, C Gawshall), 14-10.
Fours: Preliminary round: Bodmin (B Jones) bt Ashford, Middx (P Oakley), 31-8; Crediton (C Theedom) bt Norton, Durham (N Shaw), 27-18, City and County of Oxford (I Molyneux) bt Workington (N Fleet), 25-18, Herts. Watford (J Humphrey) bt Oakley, Hants (R. Kerley), 17-13; St Neots (M Osborne) bt Westlands, IoW (F Williams), 29-18; Rottingdean (J Bowles) bt Blackwell, Darby (G Haines), 24-23.
First round: Wellingborough (A Johnson) bt Thorpe Rec, Norfolk (J Swatman), 25-24; Rugby Thornfield (M Edwards) bt Wilton, Wilts (I Sanders), 25-15; Manchester (J Harper) bt Barking (J Bruce), 23-20, Bleby, Leics (P Blair) bt Broadstone, Dorset (J Collier), 23-17; Cosham, Hants (B King) bt Highworth, Wilts (M Moss), 22-18; Sutton, Surrey (P Wills) bt Felixstowe and Suffolk (G Rednall), 23-14, Benfield, Northumberland (V Taylor) bt Sele Farm, Herts (G Wrenn), 33-15, Spennymoor (J Hull) bt Droitwich Spa (F Sparkes), 31-7, Leominster (C Hodgson) bt Bourne Town (J Mitchell), 31-19, Romsey, Hants (E Housden) bt Florence Park, Oxford (M Barson), 18-14, Maurice Lea Park, Derbys (L Crawshaw) bt Keswick (M Watson), 22-18; Olney, Bucks (J Barrick) bt Maiden Erlegh, Reading (J Pound), 20-18. Broadstone (R Peters) bt Watchetts, Surrey (F Shaw), 24-11; Bloomfield, Bath (C Shearing) bt Bembridge, IoW (V Foster), 29-14; Barnwood, Glocs (B Carey) bt Buckhurst Hill, Essex (J McManus), 18-16; Gravesend (M Webster) bt Cambridge Chesterton (J Larter), 25-13; Ledbury (E Maddox) bt Whitnash, Warwicks (M Tims), 38-21; Springhead Hull (J Pindar) bt Skegness Vine (D Briars), 27-10; Balderton, Notts (J Wells) bt Sandytown, Beds (R Addison), 21-10; Shepherds Bush (B Lines) bt Worcester Ladies (W Hayes), 22-14, Chacewater Cornwall (P Pascoe) bt Bolton (A Morton), 22-13, Wellingborough (J Abel) bt Felixstowe and Suffolk, (E Symes), 26-21; City and Port of Bristol (M Hart) bt Bassetsbury Manor, Bucks (D Wingrove), 30-11, Ponteland Northumberland (J Graham) bt Kearsney, Kent (A Smith), 17-14, Hagbourne, Berks (P Tait) bt Mansfield (B Thorpe), 26-10; Loughborough (M McHowat) bt Preston Park, Brighton (A Donno), 17-12; Kingsbridge Park, Devon (M Wellington) bt Alresty, Yorks (B Richardson), 21-16; Flitwick, Beds (M Thorne) bt Norfolk BC, Norwich (D Steward), 26-8; Minehead (J Murrell) bt Perkins, Peterborough (J Evans), 20-19

CRICKET

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Southampton: Hampshire 398-5 dec & 6-0; Northamptonshire 239 (W M Moon 97, J N Snape 68). Moseley: Glamorgan 151-7 v Warwickshire. Bristol: Derbyshire 248-8 (G R Hill 86 not out, P R Whitaker 69) v Gloucestershire. Old Trafford: Nottinghamshire 178 (G F Archer 52; N A Derbyshire 5-26); Lancashire 0-0.
MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: March: Cambridgeshire 201-2 dec (N T Gadsby 86 not out, B R Hardie 75) and 72-0, Lincolnshire 180-2 dec (R Evans 68, O Storer 52).
OTHER MATCHES: Wellington College: West Indies U19 239-9 (M Ventura 100, A Balram 68); Wales 158. West Indies won by 119 runs. Blackpool: England U17 North 189-9 v South Africa U17

EQUESTRIANISM

DUBLIN HORSE SHOW: Kerrygold Speed Stakes: 1, Chip A Diamond (M Burke, Ire), 73.11sec; 2, Castlepollard (J Ledingham, Ire), 74.15; 3, Tristar (P Charles, Ire), 75.06, 13, Floyd McVee (Z Bates), 81.58, 19, Bond Hasty Exit (E-J Brown), 84.58, 22, Cannon Ball (R Smith), 89.23; 23, Everest Unique (M Edgar), 89.93. Kerrygold International: 1, Samsung President Papilon (R-Y Bost, Fr), clear, 29.96sec, 2, Rose Marie de Dampierre (E Coupene, Fr), clear, 30.58; 3, Aberdeen (A Pollmann-Schweckhorst, Ger) clear, 30.95. British: 14, Cannon Ball (R Smith), 4 faults, 31.86; 17, Rhapsody (G Billington), 7, 39.56. Kerrygold Top Score: 1, Cheyenne (L Nieberg, Ger), 1,270pts, 64.83sec; 2, La Bamba (E Macken, Ire), 1,220, 66.15, 3, Tristar (P Charles, Ire), 1,220, 66.96. British: 6, Everest Unique (M Edgar), 1,140, 65.98, 12, Floyd McVee (Z Bates), 890, 61.46, 15, Showman (D Broome), 810, 73.37

FOOTBALL

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP: First round: Alloa Athletic 1, Berwick Rangers 0. East Fife 1, Albion Rovers 2; Queen's Park 0, Arbroath 1, Stenhousemuir 3, Forfar Athletic 1
PRE-SEASON MATCHES: Bath City 2, Bristol City 1; AFC Bournemouth 0, Ipswich Town 0; Brighton 0, Crystal Palace 3; Charlton Athletic 2, Arsenal 1, Doncaster Rovers 3, Barnsley 2; Dorchester 1, Torquay United 2; Frickley Athletic 5, Northampton Town 4, Huddersfield Town 0, Bradford City 1, Manchester United 1, Celtic 0; Rangers 1, Newcastle United 2; Slough Town 0, Fulham 1, Southport 1, Rochdale 2; Stirling Albion 1, Motherwell 3; Telford United 0, Tranmere Rovers 1; Witton Albion 2, Bury 3; Wrexham 0, Wolverhampton Wanderers 1.
Yate Town 0, York City 8; Moor Green 1, Coventry City 2; Halifax Town 3, Scarborough 1; Crawley 3, Tottenham Hotspur 3, Harrogate 1, Altrincham 1; Marine 2, Chester 1.
GERMAN CUP: First round: Sandhausen 1, Karlsruhe 4, Erkenschwick 0, Borussia Mönchengladbach 2; Kilia Kiel 0, Freiburg 6, Ludweiler 1, Borussia Dortmund 4
CASABLANCA, Morocco: International Aids charity match: African XI 3 (Bouderbala 38, Daoudi 50, N'dawa 52), Rest of the World 3 (Negrete (16 pen), Junior 63, Masner 65).

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCHES: Australian Capital Territory 10, South Africans 57 (at Canberra): Sydney 16, Cardiff 8.

SQUASH

KUALA LUMPUR: World junior women's team championship: Sixth qualifying round: Pool A: England 3, Scotland 0; New Zealand 3, Hong Kong 0; South Africa 3, Malaysia 0. Pool B: Australia 3, Canada 0; Germany 2, Switzerland 1; Egypt 3, Singapore 0.

SWIMMING

SHEFFIELD: European championships: Men: 100m butterfly: 1, R Szukala (Pol), 53.41sec; 2, O Pankratov (Russ), 53.43, 3, M Milosevic (Cro), 53.65; 4, L Alberto Laera (It), 54.10; 5, F Esposito (Fr), 54.11; 6, V Kulikov (Russ), 54.11; 7, P Khnikin (Ukr), 54.22; 8, C Keller (Ger), 54.30. 400m individual medley: 1, T Darnyi (Hun), 4min 15.24sec, 2, J Sievinen (Fin), 4:15.51, 3, M Wouda (Holl), 4:17.90; 4, P Kuehl (Ger), 4:18.97, 5, F Hvild (Sp), 4:22.55; 6, Ja Perez (Sp), 4:23.75; 7, V Valdaev (Ukr), 4:26.76; 8, P Kratochvil (Cz), 4:26.77. 4 x 200m freestyle relay: 1, Russia, 7:15.84; 2, Germany, 7.16.53; 3, France, 7.19.86; 4, Italy, 7:20.49; 5, Great Britain, 7:26.48, 6, Finland, 7:30.63. Disqualified Sweden.
Women: 200m freestyle: 1, F van Almsick (Ger), 1.57.97, 2, L Dobrescu (Rom), 2:00.39; 3, K Pickering (GB), 2:01.15, 4, M Nilsson (Swe), 2:01.25, 5, M Moravcova (Slovakia), 2.02.02, 6, O Kirichenko (Russ), 2.02.19, 7, S Osygus (Ger), 2.02.39; 8, L Johncke (Swe), 2.03.60. 200m breaststroke: 1, B Becue (Bel), 2:31.16; 2, A Nikitina (Russ), 2:32.15; 3, M Hardiman (GB), 2.32.48, 4, M Dalla Valle (It), 2:33.12, 5, A Guent (Fr), 2:33.15, 6, E Austevoll (Nor), 2.33.32; 7, E Donati (It), 2.33.59, 8, E Makarova (Russ), 2:34.58
Diving: Men's 10-metre: Final (10 dives): 1, O Sautin (Russ), 617.73 pts, 2, R Morgan (GB), 617.70, 3, J Hempel (Ger), 607.62, 4, M Kuehne (Ger), 568.98, 5, V Timoshinin (Russ), 561.27, 6, R Volodkov (Ukr), 557.67; 7, A Kvotchinski (Belarus), 554.67, 8, S Kudrevitch (Belarus), 534.21, 9, F Pierre (Fr), 484.95, 10, R Freco (Austria), 459.96; 11, J Sjodin (Swe), 434.40; 12, I Gerlach (Hun), 370.86
Water polo: Men: Group A: Spain 10, Slovakia 7; Hungary 11, Holland 9. Group B: Russia 11, Ukraine 6. Women: Group A: Russia 23, Switzerland 3, Great Britain 14, Czech Republic 6. Group B: Greece 19, Slovakia 2.

YACHTING

TRAVEMUNDE, Germany: International 505 world championship: Second race: 1, C and D Nicholson (Aus); 2, I Barker and T Hancock (GB); 3, P Brotherton and B Masterman (GB); 4, J Schonherr and M Poulsen (Den); 5, I Walters and A Parkinson (GB). Flying Dutchman world championship: Third race: 1, J Borowski and B Borowski (Ger); 2, A Plattner and M Friedrich (Ger); 3, J Reifig and A Budzin (Ger); 4, J Bojsen-Moller and J Bojsen-Moller (Den). Positions (after three races): 1, Bojsen-Moller and Bojsen-Moller, 8.0pts; 2, Plattner and Friedrich, 14.4; 3, S Schunch and M Dieckmann (Austria), 27.7.

TENNIS

LOS ANGELES: Men's tournament: First round: M Chang (US) bt J Stark (US), 6-2, 6-3; C Adams (US) bt C van Rensburg (SA), 6-4, 6-4; M Joyce (US) bt R Agenor (Haiti), 6-1, 6-3; A O'Brien (US) bt M Woodforde (Aus), 7-6, 4-6, 6-2; K Jones (US) bt T Nelson (US), 6-3, 6-1; J Tarango (US) bt T Buzan (US), 1-6, 6-3, 6-4; O Nainkan (SA) bt O Dilucia (US), 4-6, 6-2, 6-2; P Sampras (US) bt A Sznajder (Can), 6-1, 6-2; B Gilbert (US) bt L Mattar (Br), 3-6, 7-6, 6-2; R Krajicek (Holl) bt G Pozzi (It), 7-6, 6-3; A Volkov (Russ) bt B MacPhie (US), 6-2, 6-3; J Stoltenberg (Aus) bt B Black (Zim), 4-6, 6-3, 6-4; A Krickstein (US) bt W Ferreira (SA), 4-6, 6-0, 6-3; M Stich (Ger) bt M Pernfors (Swe), 6-2, 6-4; M Hadad (Col) bt O Rostagno (US), 6-1, 3-6, 6-4; P McEnroe (US) bt J Eltingh (Holl), 7-5, 6-3.
KITZBÜHEL: Men's tournament: First round: O Polyakov (Ukr) bt C Saceanu (Ger), 6-3, 6-4; M Visconti (It) bt R Viver (Ec), 6-2, 6-4; E Alvarez (Sp) bt M Schaeffl (Austria), 7-6, 2-6, 6-1; F Sánchez (Sp) bt R Falenti (Austria), 6-3, 6-1; T Champion (Fr) bt S Gessner (Ger), 6-2, 6-1; S Cortes (Chile) bt F Fontang (Fr), 6-2, 6-1; A Gaudenzi (It) bt J Kroschko (Hun), 7-6, 6-3; A Mancini (Arg) bt J Gisbert (Sp), 7-6, 6-3; O Vacek (Cz) bt M Ruah (Ven), 6-3, 6-3; C Costa (Sp) bt O Fikl (Cz), 6-2, 6-1; S Bruguera (Sp) bt T Zdrazila (Cz), 6-1, 6-3; A Cherkasov (Russ) bt B Ulihrach (Cz), 6-1, 7-5. Second round: B Karbacher (Ger) bt T Buchmayer (Austria), 3-6, 6-4, 6-2; G Ivanisevic (Cro) bt M A Gorriz (Sp), 7-5, 6-4; Y El Aynaoui (Mor) bt J Cunha-Silva (Por), 7-5, 4-6, 7-5; T Carbonell (Sp) bt D Perez (Uru), 7-5, 4-6, 6-0.
PRAGUE: Czech Open: First round: G Solves (Fr) bt O Prinosil (Ger), 5-7, 7-5, 6-0; M Valeri (It) bt A Jarryd (Swe), 4-6, 7-5, 6-4; J Novak (Cz) bt C Miniussi (Arg), 2-6, 7-6, 7-6; C Dosedel (Cz) bt S Youl (Aus), 6-2, 6-4.
CARLSBAD, California: Women's tournament: First round: G Fernandez (US) bt E Brioukhovets (Ukr), 6-4, 6-4; A Grossman (US) bt N Baudone (It), 6-0, 6-4; O Graham (US) bt M Drake (Can), 4-6, 7-6, 6-3; M Kochta (Ger) bt K Po (US), 6-3, 6-1; N Dahlman (Fin) bt A Gavaldon (US), 6-4, 7-6. S Testud (Fr) bt P Bartell (US), 6-0, 6-1; C Papadaki (Gr) bt S Lohman (Ger), 6-4, 6-1; L Golarsa (It), bt J Richardson (NZ), 6-4, 6-4, B Bowes (US) bt C Porwick (Ger), 6-3, 6-1; E Reinach?

WHITE WATER RAFTING

SOLDEN, Austria: J & B European championship: Slalom (after one run): 1, Great Britain, 2min 21.25sec; 2, Slovenia, 2:23.86, 3, Holland, 2:25.92, 4, Austria, 2.28.15, 5, Germany, 2.28.27, 6, Sweden, 2:39.45, 7, Switzerland, 2.43.00, 8, Czech Republic, 2:47.35

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

Fifth Cornhill Test
First day of five
11.0, 90 overs minimum
EDGBASTON: England v Australia.

Britannic Assurance county championship
First day of four
11.0, minimum 110 overs
DURHAM UNIVERSITY: Durham v Derbyshire.
CARDIFF: Glamorgan v Warwickshire.
CHELTENHAM: Gloucestershire v Lancashire.
CANTERBURY: Kent v Surrey.
LORD'S: Middlesex v Leicestershire
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Essex.
NOTTINGHAM: Nottinghamshire v Yorkshire.
HOVE: Sussex v Worcestershire.

Under-19 one-day international
11.0, 55 overs
LEICESTER: England v West Indies.

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Chelmsford: Essex v Middlesex. Bristol: Gloucestershire v Derbyshire. Maidstone: Kent v Somerset. Old Trafford: Lancashire v Nottinghamshire. The Oval: Surrey v Yorkshire. Horsham: Sussex v Lancashire. Moseley: Warwickshire v Glamorgan. Barnt Green: Worcestershire v Durham.
MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (second day of two): March: Cambridgeshire v Lincolnshire. Mildenhall: Suffolk v Staffordshire (first day of two). Lakenham: Norfolk v Bedfordshire

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated
PRE-SEASON MATCHES: Barnsley v Huddersfield (Yorkshire Electricity Cup, 7.45); Blackpool v Wolverhampton Wanderers; Bristol City v Bristol Rovers (Gloucestershire FA Cup, 7.45). Heybridge Swifts v Southend United; Woking v Fulham (7.45); Gateshead v Newcastle United (Derek Bell testimonial — all ticket); Stafford Rangers v Barnet. Gresley Rovers v Derby (7.0), Wokingham v Brighton).

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: EWBA national championships (Leamington).
SWIMMING: European championships (Sheffield)
YACHTING: Cowes Week.

SPORTS LETTERS

Atherton faces overwhelming responsibility

From Mr Roger Batkin

Sir, Whilst noting the foresight in recommending the candidate chosen as the new England cricket captain (July 28), surely the article misses an important point.

Putting all the images and media cliches concerning the England captaincy aside, the initial quality required of any captain is the respect of his peers. This is obtained by the force of an individual's own character (eg Mike Brearley) or by the excellence of his cricketing performance (eg Graham Gooch) or preferably both (eg Peter May), of course.

Once the respect of his peers is obtained, the captain can move the team towards the same end as a cohesive unit.

With all due respect to Michael Atherton, he has neither shown himself to be a forceful character nor a fixture in the England side through his performances on the cricket field.

I, along with most others, wish him well in a very difficult position, but as he is not a captain in first-class cricket, I only hope that his undoubted England captaincy prospects have not been ruined by having the responsibility thrust upon him too early.

Yours faithfully,
ROGER N. BATKIN,
15 Carlyle Road,
Edgbaston, Birmingham

From Commander T. V. G Binney, RN

Sir, Michael Atherton is doubtless already overwhelmed with advice, but may I add just one more piece. If he has not already done so, he should read General Montgomery's speech to his staff in the Western Desert — a classic. One paragraph is particularly appropriate.

"I believe that one of the first duties of a commander is to create what I call 'atmosphere' .... I do not like the atmosphere I find here. It is one of doubt, of looking back to select the next place to which to withdraw, of loss of confidence in our ability to defeat Rommel, of desperate measures by reserves in preparing positions in Cairo and the Delta. All that must now cease ..."

May I suggest that, for a start, he signals a new atmosphere by requiring uniform headgear. At present, there are three different colours of helmet, some with badge, and Alec Stewart's wicketkeeping cap, though clearly well loved, is rather tatty.

Admittedly the general himself sported somewhat unorthodox hats, but like fighter pilots with exotic scarves and army officers with their jolly socks, such eccentricities are acceptable only as postscripts to success. I daresay that a new boy at Eton would find himself speedily "counselled" if he arrived wearing a colourful waistcoat.

So come on England — smarten up.

Yours faithfully,
GILES BINNEY,
Oak Down,
Lower Durford Wood,
Petersfield, Hants.

Value for money

From Miss Fiona Bond

Sir, Rob Hughes notes the "unexpectedly big" crowd of more than 23,000 at the final of the European under-18 football championship at the City Ground, Nottingham between England and Turkey (July 26). He comments also on the link between this number and the entrance fees of £2 for adults and £1 for children.

Organisers of sporting events should realise that fees such as £8 to see a football league match and about the same for entrance to the Tattersalls enclosure of a racecourse are simply too expensive for many people. A sum of this size represents a considerable portion of the income of many people; to pay for a family is often an impossibilty. Decreasing attendance at many events is not due to lack of popularity but the exorbitant costs involved.

The organisers in Nottingham should indeed be applauded for this innovation, that ensured a large crowd for an exciting match.

Yours faithfully,
FIONA BOND,
Nevills,
Goodwood Gardens,
Runcton,
Chichester,
West Sussex.

Credit for inspired Christie

From Mr Robert Lowe

Sir, Nobody is suggesting that the race at Gateshead between Linford Christie and Carl Lewis was "definitive", but it was something which David Miller chooses to ignore in his disparaging and offensive piece (July 31).

It was an event eagerly awaited by millions of people in this country and abroad and an event which gave enormous pleasure before, during and after the race.

The reference to "two veteran sprinters" is insulting when one is referring to the first meeting between the world and Olympic champions. The race was neither meaningless nor "show business", but a wonderful example of what top-class athletics is all about — regular competition head-to-head at the highest level.

The race was a tribute to Christie's strength of character: after five years of consistently losing to the top Americans both in major championships and elsewhere, he has now, at the age of 32, managed to turn the tables. This should be an inspiration to youngsters — and to our much-battered sports image generally.

I agree with Miller in his criticism of the attitude of some grand-prix promoters in failing to promote field events and the failure of the authorities to allocate sufficient funds for youth development, coaching and the avoidance of hardship. But that is another story.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT LOWE,
12 Elmwood Avenue,
Harrow,
Middlesex.

Give needy slice of funds

From Mr Nick Clarke

Sir, I read with interest the recent report by the Competitors Council of the British Olympic Association urging the government to provide support for Olympic competitors. It is curious that those who are at the top of sport are felt more deserving of aid than those who are not. I would like a grant to improve my golf swing — I need the money more than they do.

Yours faithfully,
NICK CLARKE,
Flat 8, Eversholt House,
Leighton Buzzard, Beds.

Honour in stalemate

From Mr Paul Newton

Sir, The most telling analysis of the latest chapter in English cricket's malaise at the Test match at Headingley came from the former Australia captain, Ian Chappell. "You've forgotten how to draw games," he said, adding, "you used to be so darned good at it."

Indeed, were one to have watched England's second innings without knowing the overall position in the match, one might well have concluded quick runs were being garnered with a view to an imminent declaration. Nasser Hussain, alone of the specialist batsmen, played like a man intent on surviving all day.

Interestingly, while Gooch's England crashed headlong to defeat at Headingley, Gooch's Essex were about to do likewise at Chelmsford to a Durham side notorious for its inability to bowl sides out twice.

I suggest there is a definite inference to be drawn with respect to the influence of the latter genus of defeat upon the former. The county championship, the breeding ground for our Test players, offers no reward whatever in its allocation of points for the side that battles for a draw.

There has to be a fundamental weakness and debilitating consequences arising from a system that recognises only victory — no matter how contrived and farcical the manner of its achievement on occasion — and lacks the machinery to make distinction between draws arrived at from positions of massive advantage or disadvantage.

More pertinently, this flawed regime offers no incentive for the side facing almost certain defeat to eke out an honourable draw. No penalty for defeat, no reward for a draw: small wonder our Test batsmen lack what used to be a basic skill when they have so little incentive and occasion to practise it at county level.

Yours faithfully,
PAUL NEWTON,
Thoreau,
Brook Street,
Dedham,
Colchester,
Essex.

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Home secretary intends to relax outdated regulations

Betting shops to shed old image

By Richard Evans, Racing Correspondent

THE government is to allow betting shops to shed their seedy image by relaxing outdated restrictions governing window displays, size of television screens and what punters can eat or drink.

Despite handling an annual turnover of £6.78 billion, Britain's 9,500 betting shops are the poor relation of the high street due to archaic regulations. Blacked out windows have drawn unfavourable comparisons between betting shops and sex shops.

Michael Howard, the home secretary, published a consultation paper yesterday proposing widespread changes in keeping with the government's philosophy on de-regulation and consumer choice.

"The veil over betting shops could soon be lifted as a result of these measures," he said. "I intend to give the consumer more freedom while ensuring that betting is conducted fairly and honestly.

"The changes would make betting offices a more visible part of the high street scene and enable bookmakers to provide additional information about their business.

"The relaxation of restrictions could lead to changes in window displays and the size of televisions in betting shops. But I shall ensure the interests of the public and the consumer are protected."

The Home Office has invited comments on its proposals to be submitted by the end of September, but it is clear Howard hopes to introduce the changes quickly — probably early next year.

"Consumers to win in betting shop changes," was the way his department heralded the proposals, adding that they "could bring a significant impact on the appearance of betting shops which would become more noticeable to the public."

Existing betting legislation allows bookmakers to provide only the most basic information outside their shops. A description of the business has to be confined to three words such as "licensed betting office," "bookmaker" or "turf accountant".

The restrictions reflected the then government's policy to avoid "unduly stimulating demand for betting and other forms of gambling".

Television screens in shops are restricted to being 30 inches wide despite larger screens being increasingly used in pubs for showing sports events. The government suggests 48-inch screens or that size restrictions be scrapped. The present regulations ban the public being able to see television pictures from outside a betting shop. "At the time it was thought that the opportunity to see from outside television coverage of racing might encourage people to enter betting offices who would not otherwise have done. We think that this is a rather outmoded restriction and that this rule should be repealed," the consultation paper said.

Bookmakers have been lobbying to scrap "dead" shop windows to make them more attractive and open to the public. Increasing problems with robberies and drugs have boosted calls for scrapping such obscure windows.

The consultation paper added: "While quite minor changes in themselves, these proposals would have a significant impact on the appearance of betting shops, which would become more noticeable to the public.

"Instead of the 'dead' windows in high streets, licensees would be free to have clear windows with the activity of placing bets clearly in view.

"Large television screens and notices giving details of the odds on offer would be visible from the street. The effect would be to make betting offices much more obvious to the public."

The most ridiculous restrictions apply to food and drink that can be sold in betting shops. Biscuits can be sold, but not cakes: peanuts are legal, but not cashew nuts.

A wider range of refreshments "falling short of restaurant facilities" is recommended. Alcohol would continue to be banned. While the proposed changes are themselves important, the considerable shift in Home Office philosophy on gambling away from the "nanny state knows best" to allowing consumers to exercise choice could be of greater benefit to racing in the longer term, especially when it comes to legalising on-course and off-course betting on Sundays.

John Brown, the managing director of William Hill, said yesterday: "Until now, we could not say we had no-smoking areas or facilities for the disabled. Now we can show betting shops are no longer smokey dens."

□ A recession-induced decline in the horse population has prompted a small reduction in the number of races to be staged in Britain next year. The Levy Board-funded scheme for seventh races at some meetings is the main casualty with the number of races being cut by more than 20 per cent, from 280 to 220.

The number of race meetings in 1994 will be about 1,150, the same as this year, according to a provisional fixture list published yesterday by the British Horseracing Board.

Veil lifted: Howard offers consumers more freedom

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: AWESTRIKE (4.10 Bath)

Next best: Blue Siren (3.20 Pontefract)

Glide Path in good heart for Ebor

GLIDE Path was cut five points to 20-1 with the sponsors for the Tote-Ebor after a smooth two-length victory in the Brighton Challenge Cup Handicap yesterday.

The four-year-old picked up a 4lb penalty for York, taking his weight to 7st 13lb, and trainer John Hills has booked brother Richard, twin of yesterday's winning jockey, Michael.

The Lambourn trainer said: "Michael has no chance of making the York weight, and Richard will have to trim down a bit. I don't think be has ridden that light for a long time."

Kingsclere trainer Ian Balding and jockey Frankie Dettori completed an 18-hour long distance treble when odds-on chance Powerful Edge landed the Black Rock Conditions Stakes.

The duo collected the final two races at Nottingham on Tuesday night with Lt Welsh and Susquehanna Days and yesterday, the handsome Powerful Edge always looked like holding off his chief market rival, Pembroke.

He won with something in hand by a neck, and Balding said: "He deserves a few wins because he has been taking on some high-class performers this season. He is up to listed class, and this was a hot little race for Brighton." His next objective is a Newbury handicap on Saturday week.

A temporary reprieve from the sales ring enabled Pie Hatch to gain a success in the Goring Selling Handicap. Mark Prescott's filly was withdrawn from her intended date at Ascot Sales last week, but will be turning up there at the end of this month. National Hunt trainers are bound to cast an eye over the filly as a likely jumping prospect.

Stamina will be no problem. She took charge from halfway, and maintained her stride to beat Fanatical by 2½ lengths.

Prescott said: "We withdrew her from the sale because she had run well in her previous race and we thought, rightly as it turned out, she could win one."

Prescott retained her for 6,200 guineas after rival bidding from Lambourn National Hunt trainer Ben de Haan in the subsequent sale.

Risky leads Irish raid

RICHARD Hannon, who won last year's Ir£150,000 Heinz 57 Phoenix Stakes with Pips Pride, will rely on Risky in his bid for a double in the group one juvenile event at Leopardstown on Sunday (Our Irish racing correspondent writes).

The flying filly heads a powerful English challenge which consists of Turtle Island, Gold Land, Fast Eddy and Takadou.

With the ground at Leopardstown presently described as good, Risky looks set to receive the green light to add to her impressive list of successes.

But the most intriguing of the 13 five-day acceptors is Porto Varas, who will be the first French two-year-old to run in Ireland. Porto Varas is trained at Chantilly by Francois Boutin for an Italian owner.

Gowshall's hopes of national title end in final

By David Rhys Jones

AMY Gowshall, the 14-year-old Grimsby schoolgirl who was hoping to become the youngest national bowls champion, had to settle for a place among the runners-up in the Liverpool Victoria English Women's Bowling Association triples championship at Leamington Spa yesterday.

Wendy Buckingham, Viv Haste and Jill Polley, of Great Baddow, beat Grimsby Park Avenue 14-10 in a low-scoring final, in which one count of four, on the penultimate end, proved decisive.

Apart from that four, only three ends produced more than a single shot, the Essex team taking a double on the third end, and the Lincolnshire side doubles on the eleventh and thirteenth.

Leading 10-8 with three ends to play, Nora Hall, Gowshall and her mother, Christine, the skip, looked as if they were taking control at the right time.

Holding three shots that would have put them 13-8 in front, Christine Gowshall, the English Bowling Federation four-wood singles champion, gave the shot away when she tipped an opposition bowl towards the jack.

"I was being too greedy," she said afterwards. "Not at all," her daughter replied. "Think of all the shots you saved for us during the match."

A single to Great Baddow kept the margin to one shot, and the next end, the seventh, produced the breakthrough. A loose four hoisted the Essex trio into the lead at 13-10 and set Lincolnshire a hard task on the final end. Buckingham drew the shot, but Hall and the younger Gowshall built up a tempting back position, giving their skip a chance of victory.

Managing to move the jack with her second delivery, Christine Gowshall left it close to an Essex bowl and then missed her target altogether with her final, despairing effort.

Corsie sets sights on prize that got away

By a Correspondent

RICHARD Corsie, the world indoor bowls champion is no stranger to success, but he has never won the national singles outdoor title. But be hoped to remedy that at the Scottish Power national championships beginning in Ayr today.

Corsie, 26, began the year well enough. He claimed his third world indoor singles win in five years when he beat compatriot Jim McCann at Preston in February pocketing the £24,000 first prize in the process and then travelled to Australia where he won the Mazda Jack High title.

Today he he starts bis campaign for a third major outdoor title, and although there are no cash rewards for this one his resolve will be just as strong.

"The national singles championship is the dream of every bowler, and I'm no different. Of course it's been a great thrill to win these three world indoor titles but I would get just as much satisfaction if I come out of this one with the title," said Corsie yesterday. His opening round opponent this afternoon will be Willie Smith, from Galston, a losing finalist as long as 30 years ago.

Should Corsie survive be is scheduled to meet his old adversary Willie Wood in in the last 16 rounds, if provided Wood comes through a difficult opener against Geoff Robertson from Monquhitter.

Brian Rattray, of Alva, is the only previous winner in the Ayr field. The 1982 champion launches his bid to recapture the title with a first round encounter with William Twaddle, Calderbank.

□ Tony Allcock scratched from the Bournemouth Open yesterday before the first round began.

BRIGHTON

THUNDERER

2.00 Dances With Risk
2.30 Al Battar
3.00 VERDE ALITALIA (nap)
3.30 Impeccable Taste
4.00 Ma Bella Luna
4.30 Poyle Amber

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.30 Trapezium.

GOING: FIRM — DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST — SIS

2.00 RINGMER SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,070: 5f 59yd) (14 runners)

1 (10) 60000 CRAFTY CRICKETER 19 (B) (Yew Tree Yeomanry) R Voorspuy 8-11 .. S Dawson 70
2 (11) JUST A SINGLE (6 D Jones) J Ffitch-Heyes 8-11 .. A McGlone —
3 (4) 356 READY-FREDDIE 0 (E Goody) W D M Turner 8-11 .. D McCabe (5) 81
4 (6) 0 SHARP SPRING 29 (C Black) J White 8-11 .. K Rutter (5) 74
5 (3) 05400 BON TON 8 (B Brown) M Channon 8-6 .. S Whitworth 82
6 (2) 35 BURMA STAR 8 (P Kinden) M Blanshard 8-6 .. R Cochrane 84
7 (8) 0305 CANDI DAS 7 (B) (G W P-Gordon) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-6 .. Antoinette Armes (7) 86
8 (5) 006565 CHARISMA GIRL 6 (Clear Height Racing) S Dow 8-6 .. G Duffield 76
9 (9) 31010 DANCES WITH RISK 8 (D,S) (Roldvale Ltd) G Lewis 8-6 .. B Hind 89
10 (11) 0550 HUMMINBIRDPRINCESS 23 (R Kiernan) A Moore 8-6 .. B Rouse 88
11 (13) 000 MACE EL REEM 75 (T Melld) P Howling 8-6 .. M Roberts —
12 (14) 205 PETRATHENE 84 (B) (Miss E Colver) J Jenkins 8-6 .. J Reid 81
13 (2) 00055 SPORT RACING CLUB 12 (B) (Roldvale Ltd) Miss Gay Kelleway 8-6 .. A Munro 74
14 (7) 050 TERMITE 10 (Coastguards Estate Agents) M Usher 8-6 .. R Perham 71

BETTING: 8-11 Dances With Risk, 9-2 Burma Star, 6-1 Petrathene, 8-1 Candi Das, 12-1 others.

1992: NIKKI NOO NOO 8-6 G Duffield (6-4) C Hill 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

READY-FREDDIE 4l 6th of 9 to Mad About Men in a claimer at Edinburgh (5f, good to firm). Earlier 4l 3rd of 8 to Old Hook in a seller at Folkestone (5f, good to firm) with TERMITE 3½l 5th, CHARISMA GIRL 1½l 6th and CRAFTY CRICKETER 3l 8th. BURMA STAR 6l 5th of 13 to Kathanna in a seller at Leicester (6f, good), with BON TON 7l 9th. DANCES WITH RISK 9l 9th of 12 to Sedlurstpark Flyer in a nursery at Goodwood (5f, good to soft). Previously beat Sporting Heir 2l in a 10-runner seller at Lingfield (5f, good to soft) with CRAFTY CRICKETER (7lb worse off) 12l 9th and TERMITE (7lb worse off) 1l 10th.
PETRATHENE 21l last of 5 to Bearall in a conditions race here (6f, firm). Earlier neck 2nd of 7 to Sweet Whisper in a maiden auction over course and distance (good). SPORT RACING CLUB 9l 5th of 9 to Dangerous Shadow in a claimer at Newcastle (5f, good to firm).
Selection: DANCES WITH RISK

2.30 MARINA MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,289: 5f 213yd) (5 runners)

1 (2) AL BATTAR (Umm Qarn Racing) L Cumani 9-0 .. R Cochrane —
2 (3) DOME PATROL (D Wiltshire) W Muir 9-0 .. A Munro —
3 (1) 630 HENRY'S LUCK 17 (T Langley) M Channon 9-0 .. S Whitworth 93
4 (5) 5 SEDIMENTARY 20 (W Mason) G Bravery 9-0 .. C Hodgson (3) —
5 (4) 3 NICE WELCOME 75 (M Wackett) R Guest 8-6 .. W Woods 99

BETTING: 10-11 Nice Welcome, 11-4 Al Battar, 11-2 Dome Patrol, 8-1 Henry's Luck, 12-1 Sedimentary.

1992: AFTER THE LAST 8-8 J Reid (11-10 jt-fav) R Hannon 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

AL BATTAR (foaled Feb 13) Half-brother by Blushing John to numerous winners, including La Soufriere, Well Selected and Explosive Bid, all winners of grade III races in the United States; dam unplaced in the United States. DOME PATROL (May 29) Half-brother by Dominion to Padre Pio, useful 5f-6f handicapper, dam useful 6f juvenile winner, placed in group III company. HENRY'S LUCK 26l 12th of 16 to Leap Of Faith in a seller at Windsor (6f, good). Previously 3¾l 3rd of 8 to Nakita in a maiden auction at Salisbury (6f, good to firm). NICE WELCOME 4l 3rd of 14 to Threatening in a maiden auction at Newmarket (6f, good).
Selection: NICE WELCOME

3.00 BRIGHTON SPRINT HANDICAP (£6,264: 5f 59yd) (9 runners)

1 (4) 60-5030 FARFELU 10 (D,F,G) (J O'Mulloy) W Muir 6-10-0 .. R Cochrane 96
2 (9) 020000 TERRHARS 5 (D,F,G) (H Barnbrook) M Heaton-Ellis 5-9-8 .. R Perham 99
3 (2) 00-1602 HEAVENLY RISK 16 (D,F,G) (Roldvale Ltd) R Hannon 3-9-8 .. A McGlone 96
4 (5) 100360 RUNNING GLIMPSE 5 (D,F,G) (Copyforce) Miss B Sanders 5-9-5 .. M Roberts 96
5 (6) 066320 SHIKARI'S SON 28 (CD,F,G) (A Spargo) J White 6-9-4 .. G Duffield 95
6 (8) 06-4024 VERDE ALITALIA 30 (D,BF,F) (Gerecon Italia) J Dunlop 4-9-2 .. J Reid 96
7 (7) 030506 CALEMAN 6 (F) (M Berger) R Boss 4-8-13 .. W Woods 94
8 (3) 330004 ASSIGNMENT 15 (C,D,F,G) (A Gorrie) J Ffitch-Heyes 7-8-10 .. D Whitworth 92
9 (1) 50-4600 HEAVEN-LIEGH-GREY 27 (CD,F,G) (P Dodd) J Berry 5-8-2 .. A Munro 97

BETTING: 11-4 Verde Alitalia, 7-2 Heavenly Risk, 5-1 Assignment, Shikari's Son, 11-2 others.

1992: SHIKARI'S SON 5-8-8 T Quinn (5-2 fav) J White 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

FARFELU 10l 7th of 9 to Miss Vaxette in a handicap at Newmarket (5f, good to soft). Previously 3l 3rd of 16 to Castlerea Lad in a handicap at Newcastle (6f, good to firm) with CALEMAN (1lb worse off) 1l 5th. HEAVENLY RISK ½l 2nd of 9 to Poyle George in a handicap at Newbury (5f, good) with RUNNING GLIMPSE (5lb better off) 1½l 3rd. SHIKARIS SON 25l last of 27 to En Attendant in a handicap at Newmarket (7f, good to firm). Previously ½l 2nd of 8 to Ballasecret in a handicap at Epsom (6f, firm). VERDE ALITALIA 1l 2nd of 20 to King's Signet in a handicap at Newcastle (5f, good to firm) on penultimate start with TERRHARS (7lb better off) 8½l 12th, ASSIGNMENT 2¼l 4th of 11 to Neither Nor in a handicap at Sandown (7f, good). HEAVEN-LEIGH-GREY 3l 7th of 18 to Miss Vaxette in a handicap at York (5f, good to firm).
Selection: HEAVENLY RISK (nap)

3.30 CLIFTONVILLE RATING RELATED MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,243: 1m 3f 196yd) (6 runners)

1 (6) 0040 BORROWED AND BLUE 12 (BF) (B Cooper) W Jarvis 8-9 .. A Munro 89
2 (5) 00-0636 GOLD TASSEL 10 (BF) (Mrs W Gibson Fleming) R Hannon 8-9 .. J Reid 99
3 (4) 040 IMPECCABLE TASTE 13 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 8-9 .. M Roberts 93
4 (3) 00005 MISS MICHELLE 16 (T Bowser) S Mellor 8-9 .. R Perham 78
5 (2) 220 PRETTY BABY 35 (Tedwood Bloodstock) R Williams 8-9 .. R Cochrane 93
6 (1) 00-00 RISPOTO 79 (P Goulandris) M Prescott 8-9 .. G Duffield 90

BETTING: 11-10 Gold Tassel, 3-1 Impeccable Taste, 9-2 Pretty Baby, 5-1 Rispoto, 8-1 others.

1992: FERN 3-8-5 L Dettori (4-9 fav) L Cumani 3 ran

FORM FOCUS

BORROWED AND BLUE 1¾l 4th of 15 to Misty View in a claimer at Leicester (1m 2f, good to firm) on penultimate start. GOLD TASSEL 1l 3rd of 9 to Dutosky in a handicap at Newbury (1m 2f, good) on penultimate start. IMPECCABLE TASTE 21l 8th of 15 to Peter Quince in a maiden at Ascot (1m 2f, good. PRETTY BABY best recent effort when 2l 2nd of 8 to Madam Gymcrak in a maiden auction at Southwell (1m 2f, soft). RISPOTO 6l 7th of 10 to Bay Queen in a handicap at Beverley (1m 2f, good to firm).
Selection: RISPOTO

4.00 BRIGHTON SUMMER HANDICAP (£3,172: 1m 1f 209yd) (7 runners)

1 (3) 640334 COURAGEOUS KNIGHT 7 (C,F) (T Bucknall) R Hannon 4-8-12 .. D Gibbs (7) 95
2 (6) 092103 TEJ SINGH 6 (F) (Shaikh Mohammed) L Cumani 3-8-7 .. M Roberts 99
3 (5) 30-6003 MA BELLA LUNA 38 (BF,G) (J Dunlop) J Dunlop 4-9-3 .. J Reid 95
4 (1) 05-0230 TIGER CLAW 17 (C,F) (Unity Farm Holiday Centre Ltd) R Hodges 7-8-2 .. A Munro 96
5 (7) 0-502 RACHELLY 37 (H C Racing) R Akehurst 3-8-0 .. A McGlone 90
6 (2) 00-0053 FLYING WIND 23 (K Higson) G Moore 4-7-12 .. A Morris 84
7 (4) 500620 DON'T DROP BOMBS 84 (6) (D Croft) P Felden 4-7-9 .. S Dawson 98

BETTING: 15-8 Rachelly, 5-2 Tej Singh, 7-2 Tiger Claw, 5-1 Courageous Knight, 13-2 Ma Bella Luna, 8-1 others.

1992: AVICE CARO 3-9-7 Pat Eddery (3-1) J M Gosden 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

COURAGEOUS KNIGHT 5l 4th of 12 to Googly in a handicap at Goodwood (1m 1f, good to soft). TEJ SINGH 1¼l 3rd of 10 to Dodgy Dancer in handicap at Beverley (1m 2f, good to firm). MA BELLA LUNA 3l 3rd of 14 to Wassl This Than at Windsor (1m 2f, firm). TIGER CLAW best recent effort when 1½l 2nd of 8 to Gilderdale at Bath (1m 2f, firm).
Selection: TEJ SINGH

4.30 EDBURTON MAIDEN HANDICAP (£3,114: 5f 213yd) (5 runners)

1 (2) 5-2302 TRAPEZIUM 20 (Shaikh Mohammed) L Cumani 3-10-0 .. M Roberts 94
2 (5) 6350-40 SHARRO 10 (Mrs G Kelleway) P Kelleway 3-9-1 .. Gay Kelleway 89
3 (4) 6-02630 VILLAVINA 8 (Eurostrail Ltd) 3 Dow 3-8-12 .. A Munro 95
4 (1) 000243 SOPHISTICATED AIR 15 (N Harris) I Balding 3-8-4 .. D O'Gorman 94
5 (3) 60-2242 POYLE AMBER 10 (C Wiggins) M Blanshard 4-8-3 .. G Duffield 99

BETTING: 2-1 Trapezium, 9-4 Sophisticated Air, 7-2 Poyle Amber, 4-1 Sharro, 13-2 Villavina.

1992: No corresponding race

FORM FOCUS

TRAPEZIUM ¾l 2nd of 13 to So Intrepid in a maiden at Newmarket (6f, good to soft). Previously 2¼l 8th of 11 to Toledo Queen in a handicap at Newmarket (7f, good to firm).
SHARRO 8¼l 4th of 5 to Royal Interval in a maiden at Brighton (1m, good) on penultimate start. VILLAVINA 2¼l 3rd of 8 to Sylvan Breeze in a maiden at Folkestone (6f, good to firm) on penultimate start.
SOPHISTICATED AIR ½l 3rd of 9 to No Extras in a claimer at Sandown (5f, good to firm). POYLE AMBER ½l 2nd of 13 to Spectacle Jim in a handicap at Windsor (6f, good).
Selection: TRAPEZIUM

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
L Cumani	23	49	46.9	M Roberts	22	111	19.0
R Boss	9	29	31.0	G Duffield	21	111	18.9
R Williams	4	14	28.6	A Munro	18	102	17.6
J Berry	7	27	25.9	R Cochrane	23	133	17.3
M Prescott	18	73	24.7	J Reid	31	201	15.4
J White	7	32	21.9	only qualifiers			

BATH

THUNDERER

2.10 Danger Baby. 2.40 Little Emmeline. 3.10 Call To The Bar. 3.40 Samson-Agonistes. 4.10 Awestrike. 4.40 Casting Shadows.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.40 TRUTHFUL IMAGE (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.40 TRUTHFUL IMAGE.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — SIS
DRAW: 5F-1M 8YD, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.10 COLERNE APPRENTICE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,835: 2m 1f 34yd) (7 runners)

1 -031 MONSIEUR DUPONT 14 (G) B Hills 8-7 .. D Harrison 1
2 6143 SO SAUCY 13 (F,S) B Meehan 8-10 .. B Doyle 6
3 0414 SHE KNEW THE RULES 15 (F) M Channon 8-5 .. F Norton 4
4 0003 WORKING TITLE 15 J Hills 8-2 .. Mark Denaro (5) 3
5 40-6 MERCH FACH 59 B Palling 7-12 .. S Drowne (3) 2
6 6621 DANGER BABY 15 (G) Bob Jones 7-7 .. N Kennedy 7
7 6602 ROWLANDSONS GOLD 15 M Channon 7-7 .. N Varley (5) 5

15-8 Monsieur Dupont, 5-2 So Saucy, 5-1 Danger Baby, 11-2 Rowlandsons Gold, 7-1 Working Title, 12-1 She Knew The Rules, 14-1 Merch Fach.

2.40 WILLESLEY SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,490: 5f 11yd) (12)

1 004 AGGIES DREAM 35 J Bradley 8-11 .. Mark Denaro (7) 3
2 000 CURBRIDGE 10 J Moore 8-11 .. J Williams 2
3 0004 EL COHETE 23 A Jarvis 8-11 .. R Hills 7
4 HYMIE HALL M Channon 8-11 .. C Rutter 5
5 0 JOBISDUN 6 J Moore 9-11 .. A Clark 9
6 05 MONSIEUR PETONG 72 M Channon 8-11 .. D Holland 12
7 6445 NORTHERN STARLIGHT 17 P Murphy 8-11 .. N Adams 11
8 04 THREEPENNY-BRIDGE 76 W Turner 8-11 .. T Sprake 10
9 2423 LITTLE EMMELINE 37 L Cottrell 8-6 .. N Carlisle 0
10 000 MILLY'S PET 13 C Hill 8-6 .. J Quinn 4
11 00 RAGTIME GIRL 6 R Hodges 8-6 .. Paul Eddery 1
12 63 RANDOM 27 C James 8-6 .. W Newnes 8

5-2 Little Emmeline, 7-2 Northern Starlight, 11-2 Random, 8-1 Monsieur Petong, 8-1 El Cohete, Hymie Hall, 14-1 Aggies Dream, 19-1 others.

3.10 WHIRLWIND SPRINT HANDICAP (£3,435: 5f 11yd) (9)

1 1020 BLUE TOPAZE 5 (C,F,G,S) M Saunders 5-9-10 .. M Wigham 1
2 3461 RHYTHMIC DANCER 27 (D,F,G) J Spearing 5-9-8 .. M Tebbutt 0
3 2041 ARAGROVE 17 (CD,F,G) L Holt 3-9-6 .. W Newnes 3
4 5461 BELLSABANGING 14 (D,F) D Laing 3-9-4 .. T Williams 0
5 0252 CALL TO THE BAR 40 (D,G) M McCormack 4-8-0 .. A Clark 2
6 3106 TROMING 18 (CD,F) A Jones 7-8-7 .. N Adams 7
7 0000 BEATLE SONG 29 (C,F,G) C Hill 5-7-13 .. N Carlisle 5
8 5243 SPRING HIGH 7 (B,CD,F,G) K Ivory 6-7-13 .. G Bardwell 4
9 6050 BELTHORN 18 J Bridger 4-7-7 .. A Tucker 0

5-2 Aragrove, 3-1 Bellsabanging, 4-1 Rhythmic Dancer, 8-1 Call To The Bar, 8-1 Blue Topaze, Spring High, 19-1 Troming, 20-1 Beatle Song, 25-1 Belthorn.

3.40 AUGUST CLAIMING STAKES (£2,854: 5f 161yd) (10)

1 0420 RICKY'S TORNADO 23 D Elsworth 4-9-3 .. A Procter (5) 0
2 2211 TRUTHFUL IMAGE 10 (B,CD,F,G) M Ryan 4-9-3 P McCabe (7) 8
3 2150 SAMSON-AGONISTES 9 (D,BF,F,G,S) B McMahon 7-9-1 .. T Quinn 2
4 -000 JEWEL THIEF 7 (V) G Balding 3-8-9 .. J Williams 10
5 5500 KINTWYN 6 D Laing 3-8-8 .. T Williams 6
6 0404 MASTER BEVELED 8 (B) A Jones 3-8-7 .. Stephen Davies (5) 4
7 0640 UNVEILED 23 (D,F,G) R Hodges 5-8-5 .. S Drowne (7) 7
8 0-08 BELLA BAMBOLA 14 K Cunningham-Brown 3-8-2 .. L Charnock 3
9 0500 NO GAIN 42 B Smart 3-8-2 .. Kim McDonnell (7) 0
10 -060 SUI GENERIS 54 Mrs S Williams 3-8-2 .. J Quinn 1

9-4 Truthful Image, 5-2 Samson-Agonistes, 7-2 Ricky's Tornado, 8-1 Master Beveled, Unveiled, 14-1 Jewel Thief, 16-1 Kintwyn, 20-1 others.

4.10 BE HOPEFUL MEMORIAL HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,640: 1m 5yd) (10)

1 2-14 SUNTARA 17 (F) B Hills 9-7 .. D Holland 0
2 -061 ROYAL ROLLER 8 (D,F) P McBride 9-6 .. G Forster (7) 10
3 6004 REGAL AURA 10 (B,F) G Harwood 9-5 .. A Clark 7
4 8532 DALALAH 22 (F) H Thomson Jones 9-5 .. R Hills 4
5 055 AWESTRIKE 13 Mrs J Cecil 9-2 .. Paul Eddery 8
6 0521 GLOWING PATH 13 (V,D,F) C Hill 9-0 .. M Hills 5
7 54-1 STAY WITH ME BABY 7 (D,G) D Elsworth 8-13 (5ex) .. A Procter (5) 8
8 4126 SILVER GROOM 9 (D,F) A Jarvis 8-2 .. J Quinn 2
9 2018 DIWALI DANCER 13 (B,G) A Bailey 8-0 .. F Norton 3
10 0-55 RAGAZZO 14 K Cunningham-Brown 7-12 .. L Charnock 1

7-2 Royal Roller, 4-1 Stay With Me Baby, 5-1 Glowing Path, 11-2 Dalalah, 6-1 Awestrike, 7-1 Regal Aura, 8-1 Suntara, 14-1 Silver Groom, 16-1 others.

4.40 SILKWOOD MAIDEN HANDICAP (£3,300: 1m 2f 46yd) (14)

1 3226 CUTLASS 44 W Hern 3-9-10 .. R Hills 5
2 -635 CALL ME BLUE 7 T Naughton 3-9-10 .. Paul Eddery 1
3 -040 NOVA SPIRIT 28 M Saunders 5-9-3 .. J Williams 11
4 00-2 CASTING SHADOWS 28 B Hills 4-8-11 .. D Holland 9
5 20-2 FORGETFUL 12 D Burchell 4-8-10 .. R Price 7
6 3550 PYRRHIC DANCE 10 J Hills 3-8-10 .. M Hills 3
7 0032 FOREST STAR 12 (V) Miss Gay Kelleway 4-8-8 .. Stephen Davies (5) 14
8 0052 FULL SHILLING 10 K Burke 4-8-5 .. T Sprake 2
9 60-0 STEPPE CLOSER 12 Lord Huntingdon 3-8-2 .. D Harrison (3) 10
10 0050 TINSASHE 9 W Jarvis 3-8-2 .. N Kennedy (3) 6
11 0500 MY SISTER LUCY 69 A Jarvis 3-7-7 .. J Quinn 8
12 0005 KALOKAGATHOS 28 Mrs S Williams 4-7-7 .. G Bardwell 13
13 -002 COOCHIE 27 (B) R Baker 4-7-7 .. N Adams 12
14 /0P- WOODLANDS CROWN 234J D Jermy 19-7-7 .. N Varley (7) 4

11-4 Cutlass, 7-2 Casting Shadows, 5-1 Forgetful, 6-1 Forest Star, 7-1 Full Shilling, 10-1 Coochie, 12-1 Call Me Blue, 14-1 Pyrrhic Dance, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Ryan, 4 winners from 8 runners, 50%; H Thomson Jones, 4 from 12, 33.3%; G Harwood, 16 from 49, 32.7%; W Hern, 9 from 35, 25.7%; B Hills, 19 from 75, 25.3%; W Jarvis, 3 from 14, 21.4%.

JOCKEYS: T Quinn, 21 winners from 128 rides, 16.4%; Paul Eddery, 9 from 58, 15.5%; R Hills, 6 from 43, 14%; W Newnes, 7 from 56, 12.5%, M Roberts, 5 from 41, 12.2%; G Bardwell, 6 from 50, 12%; A Clark, 9 from 76, 11.8%.

PONTEFRACT

THUNDERER

2.50 Efizia. 3.20 Blue Siren. 3.50 Lucky Message. 4.20 Latvian. 4.50 Mujaazafah. 5.20 Miss Aragon.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.50 Mujaazafah.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — SIS
DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.50 YORK & WESTMINSTER APPRENTICE SERIES STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,807: 1m 2f 6yd) (6 runners)

1 0353 ATHERTON GREEN 13 (C,F) J Glover 9-0 .. G Parkin 2
2 3011 DODGY DANCER 8 (D,F) M Channon 9-0 .. R Painter (3) 6
3 1220 DUPLICATE 15 (G) M H Easterby 9-0 .. P Johnson (3) 1
4 1213 HAZARD A GUESS 38 (D,BF,F,S) Mrs J Ramsden 9-0 .. D Thomas (5) 4
5 6231 EFIZIA 10 (D,F,S) Mrs M Reveley 8-9 .. S Copp (5) 3
6 -000 NEWGATESKY 38 B Murray 8-9 .. J Dennis (5) 5

7-4 Efizia, 5-2 Atherton Green, 3-1 Hazard A Guess, 7-2 Dodgy Dancer, 5-1 Duplicate, 50-1 Newgatesky.

3.20 EBF CARLETON MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,056: 5f) (7)

1 650 DEMON DANCER 10 M Camacho 9-0 .. N Connorton 4
2 KILLY'S RAYNJA J Berry 9-0 .. J Carroll 1
3 PELAMIS J Glover 9-0 .. S D Williams (3) 5
4 SURPRISE GUEST M Johnston 9-0 .. Dean McKeown 3
5 2 BLUE SIREN 13 I Balding 8-9 .. L Dettori 0
6 GILABTENI A Scott 8-9 .. B Raymond 2
7 0 RANKAIDADE 28 R Hollinshead 8-9 .. S Perks 7

8-15 Blue Siren, 4-1 Surprise Guest, 9-2 Killy's Raynja, 13-2 Gilabteni, 15-1 Pelamis, 25-1 others.

3.50 DIANNE NURSERY (2-Y-O: £4,620: 6f) (6)

1 2125 BRAILLE 8 (D,S) M Johnston 9-7 .. Dean McKeown 6
2 2123 BEST KEPT SECRET 7 (BF,F,G,S) J Berry 9-4 .. J Carroll 1
3 144 WIXI 69 (G) M Tompkins 8-11 .. P Robinson 3
4 1212 MY LIFETIME LADY 8 (F,S) R Hollinshead 8-6 .. S Perks 5
5 0253 CYARNA QUINN 55 (S) M Channon 8-6 .. W Carson 4
6 522 LUCKY MESSAGE 15 J Etherington 8-1 .. K Darley 2

5-2 Lucky Message, 3-1 Braille, 4-1 Best Kept Secret, 5-1 My Lifetime Lady, 13-2 Wixi, 8-1 Cyarna Quinn.

4.20 JIM GUNDILL MEMORIAL HANDICAP (£3,655: 1m 4f 8yd) (8)

1 -112 LATVIAN 15 (D,F,G) R Allan 6-9-10 .. J Weaver 1
2 6-50 CANNY CHRONICLE 20 (D,F,G,S) M Tompkins 5-9-8 .. P Robinson 4
3 1012 GREY POWER 12 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 6-9-6 .. K Darley 2
4 3335 DUNNELLON 34 J Watts 3-9-4 .. N Connorton 7
5 0060 MUTAMANNI 76 W Hern 3-9-0 .. W Carson 5
6 242- SAMAIN 365 (CD,F) J Glover 6-8-5 .. S Maloney (3) 3
7 1425 SHAMSHOM AL ARAB 50 (D,BF,F,S) B Norton 5-8-4 .. Darren Moffatt (5) 6
8 2418 CONTRACT ELITE 27 (D,F,G) C Thornton 3-8-0 .. A Mackay 0

9-4 Grey Power, 3-1 Latvian, 5-1 Canny Chronicle, 7-1 Samain, Shamshom Al Arab, 10-1 Contract Elite, 14-1 Dunnellon, 19-1 Mutamanni.

4.50 RONNIE SENIOR 65th BIRTHDAY MAIDEN STAKES (£3,728: 1m 4yd) (15)

1 4 ASLAN 22 J FitzGerald 5-9-7 .. K Fallon 4
2 -026 BRAVURA 12 W Haggas 4-9-7 .. N Day 11
3 96 COUREUR 22 J Bethell 4-9-7 .. Dean McKeown 12
4 58 QUARTZ HILL 19 R Lamb 4-9-7 .. J Tate (5) 0
5 2 MAKIN 14 W Hern 3-9-0 .. W Carson 1
6 0 MISWAKI DANCER 21 M Stoute 3-9-0 .. K Darley 3
7 -244 MUJAAZAFAH 19 (BF) J Gosden 3-9-0 .. J Carroll 2
8 60- NORTHERN BRED 279 L Cumani 3-9-0 .. J Weaver 5
9 0 ROLLING WATERS 80 J Toller 3-9-0 .. Dale Gibson 8
10 WEFY A Scott 3-9-0 .. B Raymond 8
11 3 GREENACRES STAR 10 B McMahon 3-8-9 .. S Sanders (7) 7
12 ICE POOL H Cecil 3-8-9 .. W Ryan 15
13 0 JAVA QUEEN 121 I Balding 3-8-0 .. L Dettori 10
14 3 LADY BROKER 37 (BF) A Bailey 3-9-0 .. A Mackay 13
15 LA SPEZIA J Gosden 3-8-9 .. P Robinson 14

3-1 Makin, 7-2 Mujaazafah, 9-2 Ice Pool, 6-1 La Spezia, 8-1 Bravura, Miswaki Dancer, 10-1 Wefy, 14-1 Northern Bred, 16-1 Java Queen, 20-1 others.

5.20 AUGUST FILLIES HANDICAP (£3,028: 6f) (8)

1 2422 MINDOMICA 12 (F,G) W O'Gorman 4-8-11 .. Emma O'Gorman (3) 0
2 1-00 NORDAN RAIDER 75 (D,F,S) M Camacho 5-9-11 N Connorton 3
3 5624 SPLASH OF SALT 0 (D,G) T Naughton 3-9-9 .. A Garth (5) 0
4 5005 FOLLOWMEGIRLS 8 (CD,F,G) Mrs A King 4-9-6 .. K Fallon 4
5 003- LOLA WANTS 302 C Wall 3-8-4 .. P Robinson 2
6 8005 MISS ARAGON 13 (D,G) Miss L Siddall 5-9-1 .. L Dettori 5
7 0424 KILLY'S FILLY 7 (D,G) J Berry 3-9-1 .. J Carroll 7
8 0000 FLICAIA 15 (D,F,G) Don Enrico Incisa 7-8-4 .. Kim Tinkler 1

5-2 Mindomica, 3-1 Splash Of Salt, 5-1 Miss Aragon, 6-1 Lola Wants, 7-1 Killy's Filly, 10-1 Nordan Raider, 12-1 Followmegirls, 20-1 Flicaia.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: L Cumani, 7 winners from 16 runners, 43.8%; H Cecil, 14 from 33, 42.4%; M Channon, 3 from 9, 33.3%; J Toller, 3 from 12, 25%; I Balding, 7 from 31, 22.6%, W O'Gorman, 5 from 24, 20.8%.

JOCKEYS: W Carson, 9 from 35, 25.7%; L Dettori, 14 from 69, 20.3%; A Garth, 5 from 27, 18.5%; S Sanders, 4 from 22, 18.2%; W Ryan, 14 from 80, 17.5%, K Darley, 24 from 163, 14.7%.

Blinkered first time

BATH: 3.40 Jewel Thief, 4.10 Regal Aura. BRIGHTON: 2.00 Crafty Cricketer, Petrathene. PONTEFRACT: None.

□ Tripleprint has added the group two Celebration Mile at Goodwood on Saturday, August 28, to the long list of races it sponsors. Company chairman George Ward responded quickly to a call for support from clerk of the course Rod Fabricius when Beefeater Gin dropped out earlier this year.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S MEETINGS

Brighton

Going: firm

2.00 (6f 209yd) 1, POWERFUL EDGE (L Dettori, 4-5 fav); 2, Pembroke (Pat Eddery, 5-1); 3, Double Blue (T Williams, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 10 Rocky Waters (4th), 150 Sule Moon (5th). 5 ran. Nk, 2l, 3½l, 25l. I Balding at Kingsclere. Tote: £1.80; £1.10, £1.50. DF: £2.00. CSF: £3.10.

2.30 (1m 3f 196yd) 1, PIE HATCH (G Duffield, 5-2 fav); 2, Fanatical (W Newnes, 16-1); 3, By Arrangement (L Dettori, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Molly Splash (6th), Go Forum, 9 Stane Street, 10 Flash of Straw (5th), 12 April (4th), Wednesdays Auction (5th), 12 April City. 9 ran. 2½l, 8l, 1½l, ½l, 3½l. M Prescott at Newmarket. Tote: £3.00; £1.50, £1.90, £4.40. DF: £4.60. Trio: £41.80. CSF: £14.65. Tricast: £142.01. Winner bought in for 6,200 gns.

3.00 (1m 3f 196yd) 1, GLIDE PATH (M Hills, 3-1 fav); 2, Blackpatch Hill (W Carson, 6-1); 3, Lookingforarainbow (J Quinn, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Pharamineux (6th), 11-2 Crystal Cross (5th), 9 Fieldridge, 12 Durshan (4th). 7 ran. 2l, 2l, ¾l, 3½l, nk. J Hills at Lambourn. Tote: £4.20; £2.30, £2.70. DF: £11.50. CSF: £19.39.

3.30 (7f 214yd) 1, THE LITTLE FERRET (B Rouse, 100-30); 2, Pontevecchio Moda (W Carson, 3-1); 3, Ban Ri (T Williams, 10-11 fav). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Fiveofive (5th), 33 Danny Blue (4th), 20 Seattle Affair (6th). 7 ran. NR: Pair of Jacks. 3l, 1l, hd, 2l, 8l. R Hannon at Marlborough. Tote: £3.80; £1.90, £1.70. DF: £4.10. CSF: £12.98.

4.00 (5f 59yd) 1, SELHURSTPARK FLYER (W Carson, 4-6 fav); 2, Marjorie's Memory (J Reid, 2-1); 3, Just Greenwich (A Munro, 9-2). 3 ran. 4l, 2½l. J Berry at Cockerham. Tote: £1.50. DF: £1.20. CSF: £2.30.

4.30 (5f 209yd) 1, AHJAY (J Quinn, 10-1); 2, Mr Nevermind (B Rouse, 5-2 fav); 3, Coalisland (J Weaver, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Paston, 4 Final Frontier (5th), 5 Miss Gorgeous (4th), 7 Daily Sport Don (6th). 7 ran. ½l, 6l, 3l, 1½l, 6l. D Wilson at Epsom. Tote: £16.70; £4.10, £2.30. DF: £36.40. CSF: £34.43.

Placepot: £28.70.

Pontefract

Going: good to firm (good in last mile)

2.50 (1m 2f 6yd) 1, Lucky Noire (Miss A Harwood, 9-2); 2, Credit Squeeze (4-1 fav); 3, Cutthroat Kid (9-2). 12 ran. 1l, 2l. G Harwood. Tote: £5.50; £1.80, £2.10, £1.70. DF: £11.50. CSF: £20.71. Tricast: £76.73.

3.20 (6f) 1, Monaassabaat (W R Swinburn, 2-1 fav); 2, Saloka (12-1); 3, Dynamic Deluxe (5-1). 9 ran. NR: Bold Alex, Galaxy Rain, The Deaconess. 4l, nk. M Stoute. Tote: £2.70; £1.20, £2.00, £1.50. DF: £10.90. CSF: £22.20.

3.50 (1m 4f 8yd) 1, Civil Law (S Perks, 7-4); 2, Tryfran (10-11 fav); 3, Follingworth Girl (13-2). 6 ran. ½l, 5l. R Hollinshead. Tote: £2.70; £1.50, £1.20. DF: £1.90. CSF: £3.64.

4.20 (1m 4yd) 1, Lap Of Luxury (N Day, 9-2); 2, Moon Spin (7-4 fav); 3, Princess Kris (9-4). 5 ran. 1l, 1l. W Jarvis. Tote: £5.50; £1.90, £1.50. DF: £7.00. CSF: £12.37.

4.50 (5f) 1, Kabcast (S Wood, 11-2); 2, Followmegirls (12-1); 3, Sobering Thoughts (6-1). Second Colours 4-1 fav. 10 ran. 1½l, 1l. D Chapman. Tote: £6.90; £1.90, £2.50, £2.40. DF: £30.80. Trio: £99.70. CSF: £61.23. Tricast: £371.69.

5.20 (5f) 1, First Option (K Darley, 2-1 fav); 2, Princess Oberon (5-2); 3, Splash of Salt (4-1). 7 ran. ¾l, 3l. M H Easterby. Tote: £3.30; £1.80, £1.50. DF: £3.50. CSF: £7.27.

5.50 (1m 4f 8yd) 1, Meavy (M Tebbutt, 9-4); 2, Home Park (6-1); 3, Tomsk (7-1). Michaela Mia 2-1 fav. 8 ran. 2½l, 3½l. W Jarvis. Tote: £3.50; £1.50, £1.90, £2.20. DF: £14.00. CSF: £15.02.

Placepot: £21.10.

Exeter

Going: firm

2.10 (2m 3f hdle) 1, Perforate (L Harvey, 12-1); 2, Trumpet (5-1); 3, Star Mover (9-2). Misty View 5-4 fav. 6 ran. Nk, 12l. R Baker. Tote: £14.80; £3.60, £2.40. DF: £49.50. CSF: £61.69.

2.40 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, Emma Victoria (D Bridgwater, 6-1); 2, Calcius (1-6 fav); 3, Meadow Game (10-1). 3 ran. NR: Spembruco. 8l, 25l. R Brotherton. Tote: £5.30. DF: £1.30. CSF: £7.50.

3.10 (2m 3f ch) 1, Norstock (A Maguire, 2-5 fav); 2, Woodland Firefly (16-1); 3, Victorious King (3-1). 7 ran. 15l, 20l. J White. Tote: £1.40; £1.60, £2.80. DF: £15.00. CSF: £9.11.

3.40 (2m 3f hdle) 1, Trust Deed (M A Fitzgerald, 7-2); 2, Well Done Rory (9-4); 3, Pearly White (14-1). Mirous 4-5 fav (pulled up). 4 ran. 1½l, 30l. Mrs A Knight. Tote: £3.80. DF: £3.50. CSF: £11.01.

4.10 (2m 6f 110yd ch) 1, Mister Feathers (D Leahy, 5-1); 2, Royal Craftsman (9-2); 3, They All Forgot Me (7-2). Valassy 9-4 fav (fell). 7 ran. 2½l, 1½l. J King. Tote: £4.70; £1.90, £3.50. DF: £9.00. CSF: £28.77.

4.40 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, Athar (L Harvey, 10-11 fav); 2, Windsor Park (5-1); 3, Killula Chief (8-1). 8 ran. 5l, 20l. R Baker. Tote: £1.70; £1.40, £2.10. DF: £4.30. CSF: £6.27.

Placepot: £561.50.

Tuesday's late results

Nottingham

Going: good to firm

6.00 (1m 6f 15yd) 1, Side Bar (A Tucker, 11-1); 2, Ann Hill (5-1); 3, Early To Rise (4-1 jt-fav). Badawi 4-1 jt-fav. 9 ran. NR: Westray. 2l, 5l. M Ryan. Tote: £12.70; £2.80, £1.50, £1.20. DF: £62.50. CSF: £60.18. Tricast: £238.37.

6.30 (1m 54yd) 1, Missy-S (V Slattery, 7-1); 2, Mrs Dawson (12-1); 3, Kryptos (5-1). Hawayah 7-4 fav. 8 ran. ¾l, ½l. D Burchell. Tote: £9.50; £1.80, £1.70, £1.40. DF: £24.20. CSF: £71.87.

7.00 (6f 15yd) 1, Pluck (Pat Eddery, 15-8 fav); 2, Balled Dancer (25-1); 3, Alasib (7-1). 11 ran. Nk, hd. R Charlton. Tote: £3.20; £1.40, £7.30, £2.30. DF: £40.90. CSF: £42.71. Trio: £305.80. Tricast: £254.20.

7.30 (6f 15yd) 1, One On One (M Hills, 11-8 fav; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Lady-Bo-K (25-1); 3, Crystal Magic (2-1). 10 ran. NR: Millridge. 2½l, 3l. W Haggas. Tote: £2.40; £1.10, £5.20, £1.70. DF: £26.80. CSF: £31.59.

8.00 (1m 1f 213yd) 1, Lt Welsh (L Dettori, 7-4 fav); 2, Well Suited (5-2); 3, Lear King (4-1). 9 ran. 2l, sh hd. I Balding. Tote: £2.40; £1.40, £1.30, £1.40. DF: £2.70. CSF: £6.28.

8.30 (1m 54yd) 1, Susquehanna Days (L Dettori, 7-2); 2, Ertlon (9-1); 3, Scoffera (11-2). Danny Boy 100-30 fav. 6 ran. NR: Quick Silver Boy. ½l, 2l. I Balding. Tote: £3.00; £1.80, £2.90. DF: £14.50. CSF: £27.28.

Placepot: £24.60.

Fallon fined £260

Kieran Fallon was fined £260 by the Pontefract stewards yesterday for allegedly striking his intended mount The Deaconess following her withdrawal before the start of the Featherstone Maiden Stakes. Fallon protested his innocence, claiming: "I didn't strike the filly, and it's an unfair decision."

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Atherton taking on onerous task with limited resources

John Woodcock welcomes the change of England captain but has reservations about the new incumbent's inexperience

Graham Gooch felt obliged to give up the England captaincy because, in his own words, "we are underachieving ... we haven't been playing as a team ... I feel England are back where I started". Today, at Edgbaston, Michael Atherton assumes the mantle for what could be anything from two to a multitude of Test matches. Allan Border will be leading Australia for the 82nd time, and he was four years older than Atherton when he did it first.

Gooch's assessment was typically unaffected. Natural captains are rare and even they depend for their success upon the availability of match-winners and the strength of the opposition. It is highly improbable, for example, that Len Hutton, for all his expertise, would have brought the Ashes back from Australia in 1954-5, and so reinforced his reputation, had his fast bowlers been, say, Malcolm and Bicknell rather than Tyson and Statham, or that Mike Brearley would have retained them in 1981 without Botham and Willis.

For someone who was never cut out for the captaincy, and was always short of a top-class attack, Gooch did the job manfully. He performed heroically with the bat. Indeed, in the 34 Test matches for which he held office, he became as brave and successful a player of genuinely fast bowling as there has been. England, however, have rarely been at a lower ebb than they are now, at the time of Gooch's going.

Atherton will be aware of the sense of disillusionment that pervades the ranks of first-class cricketers, not among those who have been playing for England recently but those on the outside looking in. With the captain and cricket manager being allowed an unprecedented say in selection, the Gooch years came to be associated with the closed shop, one in which the prevailing sound was of risks being counted. The "fresh approach" to which Ted Dexter attributed Atherton's promotion comes not a moment too soon. Already, the Severn bridge has been reopened.

Gooch's proudest achievement, and a fine one, was to lead England to three victories against West Indies, more than any England captain since Peter May between 1957 and 1960. His costliest miscalculation was in failing to come to terms with David Gower, which, to some extent, was an indictment of them both. The more authority Gooch had, the more obdurate he seemed to become. Atherton will be less set in his ways.

Of the 224 Test captains that there have been, only 13 were younger when they started than Atherton, who is 135 days past his 25th birthday. Five of those were Englishmen — the Hon Ivo Bligh (later Lord Darnley), Monty Bowden, Donald Carr (later secretary of the Test and County Cricket Board), David Sheppard (now the Bishop of Liverpool) and Ian Botham — of whom Bowden, Carr and Sheppard were stand-ins and Bligh owed his selection to the fact that, when the tour to Australia of 1882-3 was being planned, the intention was to send a side consisting largely of Cambridge blues. The only Australian to have been given the Test captaincy under the age of 26 was Ian Craig, who lasted for one series.

No captain of Atherton's age, and with such limited experience of captaincy at a high level, faced a more daunting task. May, another from the great Fenner's nursery, was only 25 days older than Atherton when he took over from Hutton in 1955, and he, too, was not then captain of his county; but he was already one of the best batsmen in the world and to bowl for him he could choose from Trueman, Statham, Tyson, Bailey, Laker, Lock and Wardle. Brearley, Cambridge again, was less well regarded as a batsman than Atherton, but he was ten years older and had already made a name for himself as a county captain.

By comparison, Atherton's appointment is a gamble. He has one first-class victory to his credit as a captain and until now he has had to fight for his place in the England side. In his nine Test innings against West Indies in 1991, he scored 79 runs, and West Indies are next on the bill. The cupboard is so bare of bowlers that the only country England would start as favourites to beat is Zimbabwe. The mountain is almost vertical.

There were more alternatives to Gooch, all of them feasible, than might normally be expected at any one time. As Atherton will probably know, Gatting was a long way ahead when a poll was taken among county players as to who should succeed. If the selectors felt uneasy about that, it is understandable. My concern about Atherton has nothing to do with him as a man, only as a batsman, and with the pace that he is being rushed into the job. He is an impressive fellow, in the same quietly assured way that Sheppard was, and Sheppard's preferment, too, had long been predicted.

Gooch talks of having failed to motivate his players. It is not easily done. In recent years Brearley (psychologically), Imran Khan (loftily) and Border (eventually) could be said to have managed it. We can only hope that Atherton will do the same. He will not want for good will, and in giving him his chance the selectors have shown vision. If their judgment is proved correct, there can only be growth. Here's to the new beginning.

Pitch turns omens into wishful thinking

By Simon Wilde

AMAZING though it may now seem, England once dismissed Australia at Edgbaston for just 36 runs. The entire innings occupied 80 minutes, 133 balls and three bowlers, one of whom bowled only one over. Australia's destroyers were Wilfred Rhodes, slow left-arm, and George Hirst, left-arm fast-medium. Rhodes took seven wickets for 17, Hirst three for 15. The year was 1902.

Anyone looking for omens will be encouraged by the fact that England were led then by a Lancastrian (Archie MacLaren) as they will be today (Michael Atherton). But things have changed drastically over the past 90 years, not least in the pitches on which England stage their Test matches.

Rhodes and Hirst were bowling on an uncovered pitch which had been made deadly by rain — and they knew how to exploit it. The pitch today appears, according to Allan Border, the Australia captain, more like one of those found on the Asian subcontinent. Keith Fletcher, the England manager, was alarmed on Tuesday to find it was nothing like the sort of pitch he had expected and now feels it favours Australia. So much for home advantage.

The inclusion of Emburey may be wise not only because the pitch is expected to turn. He has a feel for Edgbaston. In five Test appearances, he boasts a batting average of more than 40 and has taken 14 wickets at 25 each, bowling 201.5 overs for only 358 runs. England have never lost there with him in the side.

Stewart and Smith also have a liking for Edgbaston, with centuries in their previous Test innings there (against Pakistan last year), but Gooch's track record is only modest. Aside from the 1990 match with New Zealand, in which he scored a century and shared in opening partnerships of 170 and 50 with Atherton, he averages just 23.75 from 12 Test innings.

Border will personally be hoping for better fortune from today's foreign-looking surface. He never did well in the Birmingham Test when it resembled English conditions. His scores were 2, 40, 45, 2 and 8. Twice, interestingly, he was out to Emburey.

ENGLAND v AUSTRALIA AT EDGBASTON: Results: England won 3, Australia 1, drawn 4. Records (England first) Highest totals: 595-5 dec (1985), 516-9 dec (1961). Lowest totals: 101 (1975), 36 (1902). Highest innings: 215 D I Gower (1985), 157 D M Jones (1989). Best bowling: 7-17 W Rhodes (1902), 5-15 O K Lillee (1975).

Long wait over as Glamorgan batsman given second chance by England selectors

Free spirit Maynard aims to pass test of time

By Ivo Tennant

MATTHEW Maynard is the personification of individuality. Born an Englishman within spitting distance of a league football club, he chose to play cricket in Wales. His sideburns, cigarettes, disarming grin and relatively light bat belong to a less uniform era. So, as the Australians found out for themselves this week, does his batting.

His innings for Glamorgan on Sunday of 132 from 115 balls was taken off an attack that included Hughes and Warne and was, according to Bobby Simpson, the best played against them on this tour. It did not propel him into England's side for the fifth Cornhill Test — he had batted sufficiently well this season to be included — but nobody who was at Neath that day can have had a scintilla of doubt about his talent and temperament.

So today, if selected, Maynard will be carrying the hopes of all Wales as much as he will of England. This is not least because, in spite of the favourable reports from Arthur Milton, an England assessor, it has taken the selectors a great deal of time to come round to choosing him. In recent years, Glamorgan have had Tony Lewis, Alan Jones and Hugh Morris to represent their batting in the England team, but none could plunder an attack as can Maynard. It will be asking a lot of him to bat at Edgbaston as he did at Neath, for the Australians will oot be so prodigal again.

Maynard is well aware of this. He knows that, even though the Ashes are in Australia's keeping, Hughes will not bowl such a full length again and Warne will be brought on to test him earlier than he was in both innings at Neath. For even though Maynard reckoned he could pick the wrong 'un, flipper and topspinner, there were times when it was not apparent from the boundary. Don Shepherd, the former Glamorgan player, who knows all there is to be known about spin bowling, was of the opinion that Warne kept his powder dry, as he had when he faced Hick at the start of the tour.

So it would be as well not to fret if Maynard does not, initially, make the runs that many good judges, Viv Richards included, feel are within his compass. In his first and only Test, played against Richards's West Indies five years ago, Maynard made three and ten. He was averaging 46 in first-class cricket, much the same as he is now, and yet he was summarily discarded by the then chairman of selectors, Peter May, without a second chance in a less demanding cauldron against Sri Lanka.

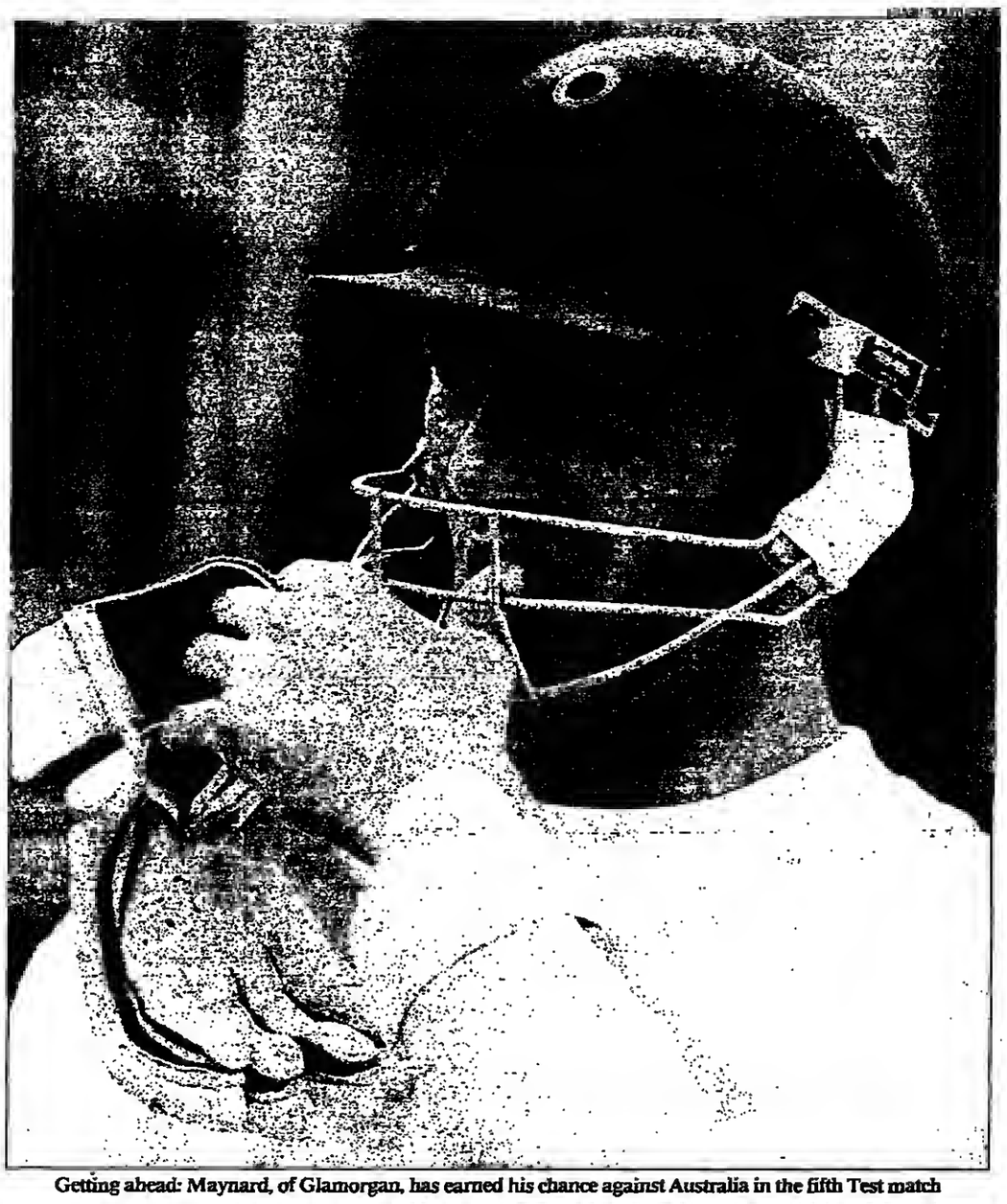
That was Gooch's initial Test as England's captain. As England play for the first time under Michael Atherton today, it is in every sense a fresh beginning. Someone gloomily said to Maynard that if he failed at Edgbaston, there would always be another chance when the next captain was appointed. He laughed it off.

Maynard has the self-belief to succeed. Although he was born near Boundary Park, Oldham — "I knew nothing of how close the football ground was" — cricket was in his bones. His father, Ken, was a professional in the Lancashire leagues who became a publican. The family moved to Anglesey, where Matthew learned to bat with the lack of inhibition that has fulled one or two observers into believing he is principally a one-day cricketer.

Glamorgan thought otherwise, even after giving him his first-class debut in 1985. Against Yorkshire at Swansea, Maynard struck 102 out of 117 in 87 minutes, reaching his century with three successive sixes. After that, his reputation preceded him. Three years later, he was an England batsman and, in 1989, feeling he would never play Test cricket again, a South African rebel. He still maintains that it was the right decision.

"I was 23 and went to set myself up financially, to be able to have a nice house on a low mortgage. That gave me security and so, in a different way, has been having a young son," Maynard said. He felt that, when his ban ended, he would still be young enough to play Test cricket, which was a realistic if clinical appraisal. His wife, Sue, is expecting a second child during this Test and, alas, there is no rest day.

Now 27, Maynard hopes and expects to be given another chance if he fails at Edgbaston. He feels, as does Jones, Glamorgan's coach, that he is more mature. "I liked to go out and biff the ball about and I still go for my shots whenever possible, but I've tightened my game up and am a better batsman for it," Maynard said.



Getting ahead: Maynard, of Glamorgan, has earned his chance against Australia in the fifth Test match

TEST PLAYERS' AVERAGES

England: batting and fielding

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge	100	50	Ct/s
G A Gooch	12	22	2	1345	159*	67.25	4	9	5
N Hussain	13	21	4	1023	152	60.17	5	3	10
J E Emburey	11	13	5	463	123	57.87	1	4	14
M A Atherton	13	22	1	1097	137	52.23	3	6	12
M P Maynard	13	22	1	1031	145	49.09	3	4	20
R A Smith	11	19	2	822	191	48.35	3	3	3
A J Stewart	11	20	1	779	127	41.00	2	5	24/2
G P Thorpe	13	24	2	666	114*	30.27	2	3	10
R C Russell	12	21	4	494	99*	29.05	—	—	22/4
M P Bicknell	10	15	2	332	57	25.53	—	2	8
S L Watkin	13	15	5	149	31	14.90	—	—	3
M C Ilott	11	14	5	124	50*	13.77	—	1	5
P M Such	13	18	2	154	54	11.00	—	1	7
O E Malcolm	10	12	5	69	19	9.85	—	—	—

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Avge	BB	5/10m
M P Bicknell	403.2	112	1041	53	19.64	6-43	4 1
J E Emburey	536.1	174	1014	50	20.28	6-40	2 1
S L Watkin	511	122	1354	65	20.83	5-71	2 —
P M Such	670.3	139	1485	58	25.60	5-87	5 2
O E Malcolm	290.5	49	1092	36	31.20	6-57	2 —
M C Ilott	412.2	83	1241	37	33.62	7-85	1 —
G P Thorpe	74.3	14	259	7	37.00	4-40	— —
G A Gooch	29	7	81	0	—	—	— —

ALSO BOWLED: M A Atherton 5-0-8-1, M P Maynard 6-0-110-1.

Australia: batting and fielding

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge	100	50	Ct/s
D C Boon	11	17	3	1345	164*	96.07	9	2	9
S R Waugh	13	17	8	647	157*	71.88	2	1	3
M J Slater	13	21	4	1222	152	71.88	4	8	4
M E Waugh	13	18	5	986	178	70.42	2	8	14
A R Border	13	16	3	686	200*	52.76	1	3	12
M G Hughes	11	8	3	242	71	48.40	—	2	2
M A Taylor	12	20	2	793	124	44.05	3	2	21
I A Healy	12	14	5	282	102*	29.11	1		131/7
P R Reiffel	10	5	1	104	52	26.00	—	1	2
S K Warne	13	11	3	166	47	20.75	—	—	4
W J Holdsworth	8	3	0	17	12	5.66	—	—	2
T B A May	13	5	2	8	4*	3.00	—	—	5

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Avge	BB	5/10m
S K Warne	606.4	224	1325	62	21.37	5-61	1 —
M G Hughes	353	84	1025	42	24.40	5-92	1 —
T B A May	405.3	106	1069	37	28.89	4-66	— —
P R Reiffel	260	59	805	24	33.54	5-65	1 —
W J Holdsworth	181.5	26	778	22	35.36	5-117	1 —
A R Border	57	16	153	3	51.00	1-12	— —
S R Waugh	45.1	10	158	2	79.00	1-18	— —
M E Waugh	92.1	20	312	2	156.00	1-13	— —

ALSO BOWLED: M A Taylor 8-0-27-0.

Source: TCCB Official Cricket Statistics

Century by De Silva rescues Sri Lankans

ARAVINDA de Silva, Sri Lanka's vice-captain, hit a superb century to help his team to 226 for four on the first day of the third and final cricket Test match against India in Colombo yesterday.

De Silva, who reached his first century on home soil with a towering six over mid-wicket off the leg spinner, Anil Kumble, finished on 118 not out after 306 minutes of unflappable concentration.

His century, which included two sixes and 12 fours off 241 balls, was his sixth in 34 Tests. He provided the backbone of the Sri Lankan innings when it threatened to fall apart after Asanka Gurusinha and the captain, Arjuna Ranatunga, fell within five overs of each other.

Gurusinha began shakily but went on to complete his first fifty in 12 Test innings. He faced 199 balls and hit one six and eight fours, before giving a catch off his glove to Sachin Tendulkar as he attempted to sweep Kumble. The fielder ran from slip and took the catch behind the wicket-keeper, Kiran More.

The dismissal ended the only substantial partnership of the day — 136 off 58 overs betwen Gurusinha and De Silva. The stand helped Sri Lanka recover from a bad start, when the openers, Roshan Mahanama and Chandika Hathurusingha, were dismissed cheaply by the new-ball attack of Manoj Prabhakar and Kapil Dev.

Kapil, needing nine wickets at the start of the match to pass Sir Richard Hadlee's world record of 431 Test wickets, for New Zealand, moved one nearer when he had Hathurusingha taken bat and pad at short leg at 13.

Gurusinha and De Silva checked the slide in mid-afternoon against India's three spinners, but the dismissals of Gurusinha and Ranatunga, who fell to a brilliant diving catch by Kapil off the left-arm spinner, Venkatapathy Raju, left honours even at the close.

SRI LANKA

R S Mahanama lbw Prabhakar 6
U C Hathurusinghe c Amre b Kapil Dev . 6
A P Gurusinha c Tendulkar b Kumble .. 56
P A de Silva not out 118
*A Ranatunga c Kapil Dev b Raju 9
H P Tillekeratne not out 14
Extras (b 2, lb 13, nb 1, w 1) 17
Total (4 wkts) 226

S T Jayasuriya, †R S Kaluwitharana, G P Wickremasinghe, M Muralitharan and K P J Warnaweera to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-29, 3-165, 4-182.

BOWLING: Kapil Dev 16-7-25-1, Prabhakar 12-3-37-1, Raju 22-5-43-1; Tendulkar 3-0-4-0; Kumble 26-7-62-1; Chauhan 17-4-34-0.

INDIA: *M Azharuddin, M Prabhakar, N S Sidhu, V G Kambli, S R Tendulkar, P K Amre, Kapil Dev, †K S More, A R Kumble, R K Chauhan, S L V Raju.

Umpires: B C Cooray and P Manuel.

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Middlesex's task made harder by return of Millns

By Ivo Tennant

A CURSORY glance at the fixture list would suggest that of the three leading sides in the Britannic Assurance County Championship, Middlesex have the least onerous task today.

They meet Leicestershire, who will do well to finish the season above the middle of the table, while Surrey are Kent's second opponents of an extended Canterbury week and Glamorgan, presumably without Matthew Maynard and possibly Steve Watkin, play Warwickshire at Cardiff.

There is, though, an unknown element about Leicestershire's attack. They include David Millns, their fast bowler, for the first time since the NatWest final last September.

This has not been a year for fast bowlers. Foster has retired. McCague will not play again this season. Igglesden breaks down time after time and Lawrence, although he is doing all he can to regain full fitness, has yet to play in a competitive match.

So there will be much interest in how Millns fairs at Lord's, having recovered from back trouble and an Achilles tendon injury, sustained during the England A tour of Australia in the winter. Millns had surgery in April and since then has played in just two second XI matches for his county.

For Leicestershire, his fitness is doubly important given that they are to release Benjamin at the end of the season. "I have played some second XI cricket and am ready to give it a go," Millns said. "I'm really looking forward to getting back into the action again." Before he was injured last season, he took 74 first class wickets and was unlucky not to play for England. He is in Leicestershire's team in place of Mullally, who has a side strain.

Middlesex have a 27-point lead over Surrey, who in turn are nine points ahead of Glamorgan. If Emburey or Watkin or both are left out of England's side today, then they will at least be able to reach Lord's or Cardiff by lunchtime.

Given the sort of form they are in, neither of their counties will demur at that.

As for Surrey, they gave the perfect riposte last weekend to anyone who felt their season would be spoiled by having been knocked out of the NatWest quarter-finals by Somerset and on the same day learning that Stewart had been passed over for the England captaincy.

Not that he made many runs in their defeat of Nottinghamshire in three days. Yet they won without Waqar Younis.

Time was when their annual fixture in Kent was at Blackheath: now, on the better pitches of Canterbury, they must gain another victory to ensure the lead Middlesex have is kept within bounds.

LEADING FIRST CLASS AVERAGES

Batting

Qualifying requirements: six completed innings, 51.70 average

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge	100	50
O C Boon	11	17	3	1345	164*	96.07	8	2
S R Waugh	13	17	8	647	157*	71.88	2	1
M J Slater	13	21	4	1222	152	71.88	4	8
M E Waugh	13	19	5	986	178	70.42	2	8
G A Gooch	12	22	2	1345	159*	67.25	4	9
K J Barnett	13	19	3	1017	168	63.56	5	2
C W J Athey	11	19	3	1005	137	62.81	4	4
D R Martyn	11	14	2	733	138*	61.08	3	3
N Hussain	13	21	4	1023	152	60.17	5	3
N J Llong	11	16	4	722	116*	60.16	2	4
J E Morris	13	19	1	1076	229	59.77	4	5
J E Emburey	11	13	5	463	123	57.87	1	4
M L Hayden	11	18	1	972	151*	57.17	2	7
D L Haynes	9	15	3	680	115	56.66	2	4
J P Crawley	13	22	3	1059	187*	55.73	2	6
T S Curtis	13	22	2	1069	116*	53.45	3	5
A R Border	13	16	3	686	200*	52.78	1	3
A P Wells	12	19	2	889	144	52.29	3	4
M A Atherton	13	22	1	1097	137	52.23	3	6
I V A Richards	12	23	5	879	224*	51.70	2	4

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Avge	BB	5/10m
A P Igglesden	294.3	75	683	42	16.26	6-58	3 1
Waqar Younis	295.5	66	882	49	18.00	6-42	4 —
K M Curran	297.3	80	820	45	18.22	7-47	3 —
Wasim Akram	186.2	49	477	25	19.08	6-45	2 —
M P Bicknell	403.2	112	1041	53	19.64	6-43	4 1
C E L Ambrose	268.2	82	573	29	19.75	5-76	1 —
J E Emburey	536.1	174	1014	50	20.28	6-40	2 1
W K M Benjamin	258.3	75	654	32	20.43	7-83	3 —
S L Watkin	511	122	1354	65	20.83	5-71	2 —
A E Warner	240.3	62	629	30	20.96	5-27	2 1
M A Robinson	294.1	80	671	32	20.96	9-37	2 1
K C G Benjamin	242.5	35	756	36	21.27	6-70	2 —
S K Warne	606.4	224	1325	62	21.37	5-61	1 —
O A Reeve	232.1	86	451	21	21.47	3-38	— —
Mushtaq Ahmed	454.5	134	1180	54	21.85	7-91	5 3
E E Hemmings	427	121	1024	44	23.27	7-31	2 1
C L Cairns	368.5	85	1121	48	23.35	6-70	3 —
G J Parsons	315	102	730	31	23.54	3-30	— —
M G Hughes	353	84	1025	42	24.40	5-92	1 —
P C R Tufnell	525.3	134	1198	49	24.44	8-29	3 —

Source: TCCB Official Cricket Statistics

Brown in a hurry

HOVE: Surrey beat Sussex on faster scoring rate

ALISTAIR Brown smashed an unbeaten 53 off 27 balls to give Surrey victory over Sussex in the Seeboard Trophy final yesterday. Sussex made 233 for nine from their 50 overs and Surrey got home on a faster scoring rate after the target was amended to 150 in 32 overs due to rain.

Rain forced a stoppage with Surrey 98 for three from 21.3 overs, and had this been the final total Sussex would have taken the trophy for the second time on a faster scoring rate at 20 overs.

Surrey's first trophy win earned them £2,500, with £2,000 going to Sussex. The Surrey medium pacer, Adam Hollioake, claimed the £150 Man-of-the-Match award by taking four for 46.

SUSSEX

O M Smith c Smith b Hollioake 17
†M P Speight c Ward b Murphy 46
C W J Athey c Kersey b Hollioake 39
*A P Wells c and b Boiling 52
J A North c Smith b Hollioake 1
F D Stephenson c Atkins b Hollioake ... 10
N J Lenham c Hollioake b Benjamin 35
I D K Salisbury c Kersey b Murphy 5
A C S Pigott c Kersey b Benjamin 5
O R Law not out 10
E E Hemmings not out 3
Extras (lb 2, w 3, nb 4) 9
Total (9 wkts, 50 overs) 233

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-47, 2-71, 3-154, 4-156, 5-156, 6-176, 7-198, 8-214, 9-216.

BOWLING: Benjamin 10-1-36-2; Murphy 10-1-41-2, Hollioake 10-1-46-4; Boiling 10-0-44-1; Smith 6-0-40-0; Lynch 4-0-24-0.

SURREY

O J Bicknell b Stephenson 13
P D Atkins not out 56
D M Ward c Speight b Stephenson 0
*M A Lynch lbw b Hemmings 30
A D Brown not out 53
Extras (w 1) 1
Total (3 wkts, 26.2 overs) 153

A W Smith, A J Hollioake, †G J Kersey, J Boiling, A J Murphy and J E Benjamin did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-30, 2-30, 3-88.

BOWLING: Stephenson 5-0-16-2; Law 5-1-21-0; Salisbury 5-0-35-0; Lenham 5-1-22-0; Hemmings 4-0-30-1; Pigott 2.2-0-29-0.

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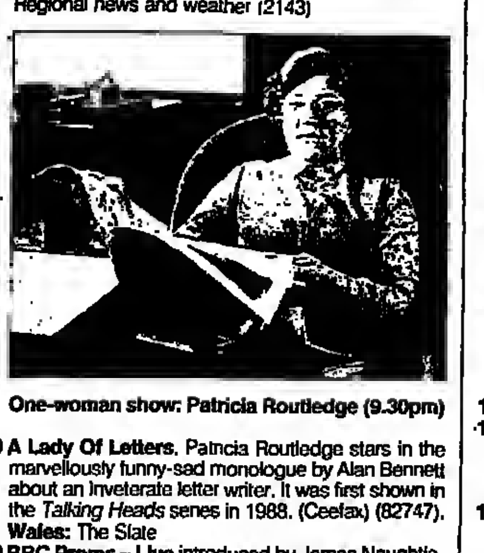
BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (37921)
7.00 Breakfast News (44743056)
9.05 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (r) (9386037) **9.25 Why Don't You . . ?** (r) (s) (4933560)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1299018) **10.05 Playdays** (s) (3114785) **10.25 Run the Risk** (r) (s) (3190105) **10.50 The O-Zone** Pop music magazine (s) (5696582)
11.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (8676105) **11.05 Knots Landing** (r) (9344501) **11.50 Animal Heroes** Animated stories of animal bravery, based on fact (7427872)
12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (5995360) **12.05 Rediscovery Of The World** Captain Cousteau dives for undersea treasure off the Cocos Islands (7737358) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (71624786)
1.00 News at One with John Tusa. (Ceefax) Weather (71292)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (80361292) **1.50 Going For Gold**. The egregious Henry Kelly introduces another round of the weekday general knowledge quiz with European contestants (s) (80372308)
2.15 Film: The Bulldog Breed (1960, b/w) Norman Wisdom comedy in which he plays a love-crossed grocer who joins the navy and becomes an astronaut. Strictly for fans. Directed by Robert Asher (291501)
3.50 Cartoon Double Bill (6234501) **4.10 Orville and Cuddles** (r) (1843899) **4.15 The All New Popeye Show**. Two cartoons (r) (2391872) **4.35 Tom Alone**. Final episode of the Canadian children's drama. (Ceefax) (3208327)
5.00 Newsround (2497143) **5.10 Record Breakers** Includes guest Olympic gold medallist Sally Gunnell (r). (Ceefax) (s) (3140476)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (149940). **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Andrew Harvey and Jennie Bond. (Ceefax) Weather (376)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (308). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours
7.00 Top of the Pops. (Ceefax) (s) (7230)
7.30 EastEnders (Ceefax) (292)
8.00 Keeping Up Appearances In the last of the comedy repeats Hyacinth (Patricia Routledge) plans a nautical supper. (Ceefax) (s) (3650)
8.30 Crime Limited (Ceefax) (s) See Choice (2785)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (2143)

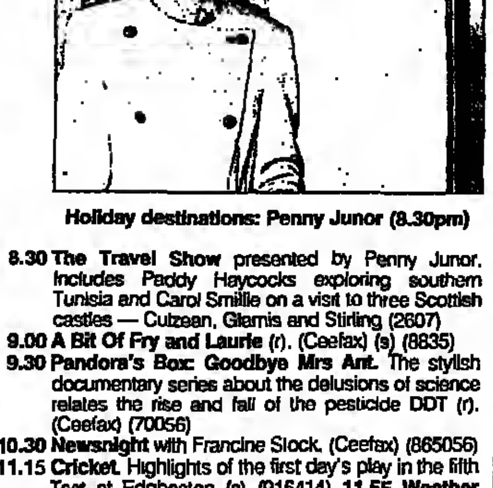


One-woman show: Patricia Routledge (9.30pm)

9.30 A Lady Of Letters. Patricia Routledge stars in the marvellously funny-sad monologue by Alan Bennett about an inveterate letter writer. It was first shown in the *Talking Heads* series in 1988. (Ceefax) (82747). **Wales:** The Slate
10.00 BBC Proms – Live introduced by James Naughtie. Five concertos — four by Vivaldi and one by Boccherini — performed by the Virtuosi di Roma, led by Angelo Stefanato. Simultaneous broadcast with Radio 3 (s) (78766)
11.30 Film: Dream Lover (1986) starring Kristy McNichol and Ben Masters. Limp psychological thriller about a young woman's attempts to obliterate a recurring nightmare. Directed by Alan J. Pakula. (Ceefax) (s) (694211). **Wales:** *12.00-1.35 Film: Dream Lover* **1.05am Weather** (4305148)

BBC2

6.45 Open University (8316414)
8.00 Breakfast News (4289921)
8.15 Ghostwriter. Part four (r) (s) (1843037) **8.40 Collecting Now** Techniques used by artists painting on the back of glass (r) (4560785)
9.00 Film: Topper Takes A Trip (1939, b/w) starring Roland Young and Constance Bennett. Cosmo Topper's marital disharmony is not helped by a female ghost and her dog. This sequel contains clips from the original *Topper* starring Cary Grant. Directed by Norman Z. McLeod (9888637)
10.15 Film: Oliver the Eighth (1933, b/w). Minor Laurel and Hardy comedy in which Ollie answers a lonely hearts advertisement and makes a blind date with a homicidal woman. With Mae Busch. Directed by Lloyd French (258766)
10.45 Town Portraits. The castle town of Alnwick in Northumberland (r) (5697211)
10.55 Cricket Live coverage of the opening session of the fifth Test between England and Australia from Edgbaston, Birmingham (s) (59143582)
1.00 The Sky At Night Planetary nebulae (r) (21431921) **1.20 Bertha** (r) (84059650)
1.35 Cricket: Fifth Test. Further live coverage from Edgbaston (s) (41688360). Includes **News** and weather at **2.00** and **3.00**
3.50 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1367650)
4.00 Cricket and European Swimming Championships Live coverage from Edgbaston and from the Ponds Forge Pool, Sheffield. 4.00-6.00 (1679) 6.00-7.30 (80501)
7.30 Washing Away the Stain. The story of the Magdalen institutes for "fallen" women, founded in the 19th century and closed only in 1975 (s) (834)
8.00 Business Matters: Making the Most of Things. The philosophies of performance guru Robert Schaeffer through three organisations that use his techniques (Ceefax) (s) (1292)



Holiday destinations: Penny Junor (8.30pm)

8.30 The Travel Show presented by Penny Junor. Includes Paddy Haycocks exploring southern Tunisia and Carol Smillie on a visit to three Scottish castles — Culzean, Glamis and Stirling (2607)
9.00 A Bit Of Fry and Laurie (r). (Ceefax) (s) (8835)
9.30 Pandora's Box: Goodbye Mrs Ant. The stylish documentary series about the delusions of science relates the rise and fall of the pesticide DDT (r). (Ceefax) (70056)
10.30 Newsnight with Francine Stock. (Ceefax) (865056)
11.15 Cricket. Highlights of the first day's play in the fifth Test at Edgbaston (s) (916414) **11.55 Weather** (631501) **12.00 Jumpcuts.** A preview of the Open University's weekend programmes (9277902)
12.05am Making Medical Decisions. A discussion on legal aspects of medical decision-making (6402693). Ends at 12.35

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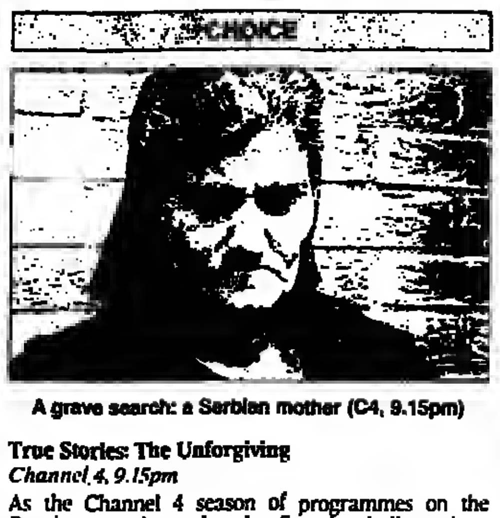

A grave search: a Serbian mother (C4, 9.15pm)

True Stories: The Unforgiving
Channel 4, 9.15pm

As the Channel 4 season of programmes on the Bosnian tragedy reaches day five, the challenge is to find something fresh to say and to hold the attention of an audience in danger of becoming dulled. Although it contains material that will be familiar, notably the charges and counter-charges over ethnic cleansing, rape and other atrocities, Clive Gordon's documentary scores on both counts. He frames it with the anguished search of a Bosnian Serb couple for the grave of their 12-year-old son. In between the cameras go behind the lines of the Serbian militia, visit a camp for Muslim and Croat refugees and tour a Serbian interrogation centre where unspeakable things are said to have taken place. This is not comfortable viewing.

Voyager: Raider of the Lost Ark
ITV, 7.30pm

Invoking the Steven Spielberg film as a parallel, Graham Hancock goes in search of the Ark of the Covenant, the golden box built to house the tablets of the Ten Commandments. Some scholars say the ark vanished 2,500 years ago. Hancock, who is not a scholar but describes himself as an investigative writer, is convinced that it still exists. In furtherance of this hunch he constructs an intriguing trail from Jerusalem, the ark's last known resting place, to Egypt and up the Nile to a chapel in Ethiopia. In style Hancock is not unlike Michael Wood, another lay historian with a sense of the dramatic. Viewers sceptical about Hancock's findings will be forced to admit that he tells a very good tale.

Dinosaur Footprints: The Monsters Emerge
Channel 4, 8.00pm

Hard on the heels of Channel 4's *Dinomania* season comes yet another tilt at the subject in the shape of a four-part documentary from the United States. For those who cannot have enough of dinosaurs, or were on a desert island during the *Jurassic Park* hype, it should go down well. Tonight's film is a potted history of the main dinosaur discoveries, beginning in the late 18th century. The story opens in, of all places, Maastricht. It crosses over to England, where Sir *Richard Owen was responsible for coining the word* dinosaur, and then settles in North America where, we are assured, the really important finds were made. There is little that dinosaur buffs will not already know but the narrative is crisp and clear.

Crime Limited
BBC1, 8.30pm

The brief of Nick Ross's series featuring reconstructed crimes is to concentrate on victims, though it is not always clear who the victim is. Mark Acklom was a cocky and self-deluding 16-year-old who gave himself a life of luxury by spending thousands of pounds obtained by deception. It seems a bit rich for the film to present him as the victim, of himself and the greed of other people, when the real sufferers would appear to be his parents. They even sold their house in an attempt to pay off his bills. Truer to its format, the programme looks at how genetic fingerprinting helped to catch a murderer ten years after the crime and charts *an innocent man's five-year campaign from* prison to clear his name. **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV Early morning news and entertainment (4233698)
9.25 The Edge Teenage magazine (5723853) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (2548834)
10.00 Swamp Fox. Disney adventure series set in South Carolina during the War of Independence (4493259) **10.55 ITN News** headlines (6964124)
11.00 James Bond Jr. Cartoon (6974501) **11.25 Win, Lose or Draw** Game show (6944360) **11.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (9582211)
12.00 Cartoon featuring Pluto (7950018) **12.10 The Riddlers** Children's puppet series (2638501)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (Teletext) and weather (8292327) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (84081259)
1.15 Home and Away. Australian family drama serial (Teletext) (520495) **1.45 A Country Practice** Medical drama (s) (529766)
2.15 House Style Home refurbishment ideas presented by Dilly Barlow and Alistair Macdonald. Includes a visit to comedian Faith Brown's house (511747)
2.45 Take the High Road. Soap set in the Highlands (3765679)
3.10 News (1341056) **3.15 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (1340327) **3.20 The Young Doctors**. Drama series (2038563)
3.50 Cartoon starring Roadrunner (4311679) **3.55 The Wisdom of the Gnomes**. Animation (6219292) **4.20 Rolf's Cartoon Club** (r) (2374105) **4.45 Tiny Toon Adventures** (r) (3299679)
5.10 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (2487056)
5.40 Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (759476)
6.00 London Tonight (Teletext) (46358)
7.00 Emmerdale (Teletext) (9698)

Real Indiana Jones: Graham Hancock (7.30pm)

7.30 Voyager: Raider of the Lost Ark (s). See Choice (360)
8.00 The Bill: David and Goliath. PC Jarvis (Stephen Beckett) has to decide between reasonable punishment and physical abuse. (Teletext) (5018)
8.30 Michael Ball. The singer's guests are Harry Connick Jr and Gloria Estefan. (Teletext) (s) (7853)
9.00 Soldier, Soldier. Drama series about army life for a British regiment on duty in Hong Kong (r). (Teletext) (s) (5105)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (63124) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (616872)
10.40 Metroland follows three Middlesex University students studying to be stand-up comedians (s) (174105)
11.10 Film: One Police Plaza (1986) starring Robert Conrad. Conventional drama about a New York police lieutenant who uncovers high level corruption when investigating a murder case. Directed by Jerry Jameson (937143)
1.00am The Twilight Zone. Two tales of the supernatural (5524032)
1.35 Hollywood Report. Showbusiness gossip (s) (6245148)
2.00 Donahue. The guest is the man who won a $1 million award in a sexual harassment case (60709)
3.00 Quiz Night. Pub and club competition (81099)
3.30 America's Top Ten (r) (s) (12438)
4.00 Entertainment UK (r) (s) (98631)
***5.00 Riviera.** French drama serial (44070)*
5.30 ITN Morning News (71983). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.30 Heathcliff. Cartoon series about a cat (1346582)
6.45 Ovide. Animated adventures of a duck-billed platypus (1569037)
7.00 The Big Breakfast presented by Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin (94143)
9.00 Saved By the Bell American high school comedy drama (73501)
9.30 Star Street. Animated adventures concerning the signs of the zodiac (r) (2208211)
9.55 Hammerman. Animation featuring the music of rapper Hammer (r) (2216230)
10.25 Pugwall. Australian children's drama series (2559940)
10.55 The Adventures of Tintin. Part one of *The Land of Black Gold* in which Hergé's hero goes undercover to investigate an oil crisis (3984196)
11.20 The Henderson Kids. Australian family drama serial (6983259)
11.50 Automania 2000 A 1963 cartoon about life with the motor car (r) (7410582)
12.00 High 5 Unusual sporting activities (60037)
12.30 Sesame Street. Early learning series. The guest is Branford Marsalis (r) (23785) **1.30 Take Five** Cartoons for the younger viewer (87292)
2.00 Film: First a Girl (1935, b/w) Creaky British musical enlivened by the vivacious Jessie Matthews as a female impersonator who has to live the life of a man off-stage as well. Later filmed as *Viktor/Viktoria* with Julie Andrews. Directed by Victor Saville (687259)
3.40 Scherzo. An animated short set to the music of Mahler's Symphony No 7 (r) (7996018)
***3.55 The Secret Life Of . . .** Tim Hunkin with everything* you would want to know about the television set (r) (9330785)
4.30 Countdown Words and numbers game hosted by Richard Whiteley. (Teletext) (s) (501)
5.00 Oprah Gold. The guests are a grandfather, his son and grandson, all of whom have never met (r) (Teletext) (7527308)
5.50 The Magic Roundabout narrated by Nigel Planer (281766)
6.00 Hypnosis Dance music series (r) (766)
6.30 A Different World American campus comedy (s) (178)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (166747)
7.50 Bloody Bosnia: Refugee Stories The speaker is Velko Gavric. Followed by a charity appeal (704747)

Monster find: dinosaur skeletons (8.00pm)

8.00 Dinosaur Footprints. (Teletext) See Choice (6211)
9.00 Bloody Bosnia: The Essential Guide. The last of the three-part series on the history of the former Yugoslavia. (Teletext) (991872)
9.15 Bloody Bosnia: True Stories – The Unforgiving. (Teletext) See Choice (326211)
10.45 Bloody Bosnia: Tourist Sarajevo, 93. A black-humoured tour of the besieged city (693921)
11.00 Film: The President's Analyst (1967) starring James Coburn. Messy but often funny satirical comedy about a psychiatrist who is appointed to treat the president and becomes the target for international spies. With Godfrey Cambridge and Pat Harrington. Directed by Theodore J. Flicker (645650)
12.55am Bloody Bosnia: Artists For Bosnia. The *Slovenian dancer Iztoc Kobak (s)* (1172525). *Ends* at **1.10**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 9.25am Adventures of the Galaxy Rangers (5723853) **1.05pm-1.15** Anglia News (84081259) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (2487056) **6.00** Home And Away (546105) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (411056) **10.40** Sailaway (174105) **11.10** First Take (979691) **11.40** Prisoner: Cell Block H (353921) **12.35am** Wrestling (4609780) **1.15** America's Top 10 (44457) **1.45** Film. The Odd Job (311964) **3.25** Stage 2 (6855254) **4.30** Riviera (33173235) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (6209148)

CENTRAL

As London except: 9.25am Adventures of the Galaxy Rangers (5723853) **1.05pm** Central News (84081259) **1.15** A Country Practice (520495) **1.45-2.15** Home and Away (529766) **3.20-3.50** Deepwater Haven (2038563) **0.10-5.40** Gardening Time (2487056) **6.00** Home and Away (546105) **6.25** Central News (554124) **6.55-7.00** Life Line (699056) **10.30** Central News (616872) **10.40** 1st Night (174105) **11.10** The Twilight Zone (920330) **11.45** Hollywood Report (413766) **12.15am** The Little Picture Show (147457) **1.15** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (44457) **1.45** America's Top 10 (43728) **2.15** Raw Power (127693) **3.15** *Quiz Night* (24693) **3.45** Nightshift (14840964) **4.00** Jobs (7386322) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye

HTV WEST

As London except: 9.25am Adventures of the Galaxy Rangers (5723853) **1.05pm-1.15** HTV News & Weather (84081259) **6.00** HTV News (124) **6.30-7.00** The Good Neighbour Show (476) **10.30** HTV News & Weather (616872) **10.40** *Let Loose* (603308) **10.55** Prisoner: Cell Block H (237124) **11.50** Stuntmasters (265327) **12.35am** Wrestling (4609780) **1.15** America's Top 10 (44457) **1.45** Film: The Odd Job (311964) **3.25** Stage 2 (6855254) **4.20** Get Stuffed! (17010070) **4.30** Riviera (82728) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (44070)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 1.05pm-1.15 HTV Wales News & Weather (84081259) **6.00** Wales at Six (124) **6.30-7.00** A Visit To the Eisteddfod (476) **10.30** HTV Wales News & Weather (616872) **10.40-10.55** Weekend Ahead' (603308) **4.55am-5.30** Jobfinder (6209148)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 9.25am Adventures of the Galaxy Rangers (5723853) **1.05pm-1.15** Meridian News & Weather (84081259) **3.20-3.50** All Together Now (2038563) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (124) **6.30-7.30** Grass Roots (476) **10.30** Meridian News & Weather *(616872)* **10.40** Giving The Empire A Lift (174105) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (924281) **12.05am** Trials Of Rosie O'Neill (2000235) **1.05-1.35** Coach (6647525) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (44070)

TYNE TEES

As London except: 9.25am Adventures of the Galaxy Rangers (5723853) **1.05pm** Tyne Tees News (40145376) **1.10-1.15** *Lookaround* (43395899) **5.55** Tyne Tees News (134360) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (476) **10.00** Tyne Tees News (616872) **10.40** East Coast Mainline (174105) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (924281) **12.05am** Film: Dead Cert (Scott Anthony, Judi Dench, Michael Williams) (368821) **1.45** America's Top 10 (43728) **2.15** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (35709) **2.45** Film: The Baby And The Battleship (John Mills, Richard Attenborough, Bryan Forbes) (289761) **4.30-5.30** Jobfinder (93186)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 9.25am Adventures of the Galaxy Rangers (5723853) **1.05pm-1.10** Westcountry Latest (84081259) **1.45-2.15** Blockbusters (529766) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (2038563) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (46358) **10.30** Westcountry Latest (616872) **10.40** Midweek (174105) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (738563) **12.10am** The Twilight Zone (8913963) **12.35** Wrestling (4609780) **1.15** America's Top 10 (44457) **1.45** Film: The Odd Job (Diana Quick, David Jason, Graham Chapman) (311964) **3.25** Stage 2 (6855254) **4.30** Riviera (33173235) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (6209148)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 9.25am Adventures of the Galaxy Rangers (5723853) **1.05pm-1.15** Calendar News (84081259) **5.55** Calendar News (134360) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (476) **10.30** Calendar News (616872) **10.40** *The Twilight Zone* (174105) **11.10** *Prisoner:* Cell Block H (924281) **12.05am** Film: Dead Cert (368821) **1.45** America's Top 10 (43728) **2.15** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (35709) **2.45** Film: The Baby and the Battleship (289761) **4.30-5.30** Jobfinder

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Starts: 6.00 Eisteddfod (73501) **9.30** Star Street (2208211) **9.55** Hammerman (0452414) **10.20** Pugwall's Summer (3117872) **10.45** The Adventures Of Tintin (4664360) **11.10** The Henderson Kids (2178835) **11.30** Sandokan (4361143) **12.05pm** High 5 (8633650) **12.30** Sesame Street (23785) **1.30** Opening Shot (87292) **2.00** Journey Into A Lost Japan (6124) **2.30** Eisteddfod Genedlaethol De Powys (473061) **4.00** The Christians (6969) **5.00** Countdown (7476) **5.30** The Cosby Show (853) **6.00** Newyddion (922501) **6.10** Heno (531259) **7.00** Jecpot (5740) **7.30** Eisteddfod Genedlaethol De Powys (19740) **8.00** Newyddion (355921) **9.25** C'mon Midffild (680766) **10.00** Swig O Ffilth (61766) **10.30** Film: Caddyshack (38020747) **12.20am** Bloody Bosnia. Artists For Bosnia (3409439) **12.35** Moments Of Crisis (5543728)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am Cartoons (7312227) **8.20** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (1470360) **8.50** The DJ *Kat Show* (43788722) *9.30 The Pyramid* Game (33495) **10.00** Card Sharks (6406143) **10.25** Concentration (7328853) **10.50** Dynamo Duck (4610209) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (19476) **12.00** E Street (14227) **12.30pm** Three's Company (37211) **1.00** Falcon Crest (32766) **2.00** Aspen (93940) **3.00** Another World (3320056) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (5540653) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (6143) **6.00** Games World (3785) **6.30** E Street (4037) **7.00** Rescue (7872) **7.30** Full House (3821) **8.00** Paper Chase (75495) **9.00** Chances (95259) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (65018) **11.00-12.00** The Streets of San Francisco (30969)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise (14582) **8.30** News and Business Report (827563) **9.30** Talkback (26968) **10.30** Beyond 2000 (84495) **11.30** Business Report (56227) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (86211) **1.00** Good Morning America (89940) **2.30** Beyond 2000 (37114) **3.30** ABC Nightline (58655) **4.30** *News and Business Report* (1114) **5.00** Live at Five (428921) **7.30** *Financial Times* Reports (1563) **8.30** Talkback (14143) **11.30** CBS News (54817) **12.30am** *Financial Times* Reports (33457) **1.00** CBS News (71542) **2.30** Beyond 2000 (92032) **3.30** CBS News (54867) **4.30** *Financial Times* Reports (39902) **5.30-6.00** CBS News (12849)

SKY MOVIES PLUS

6.00am Showcase (3038327)
16.00 Run Wild, Run Free (1969). A mute boy befriends a white colt (48327)
12.00 Barquero! (1970): Warren Oates commandeers Lee Van Cleef's ferry (63853)
2.00pm If It's Tuesday, This Must Be Belgium (1969): Comedy about American tourists in Europe (89698)
4.00 Crack in the World (1965): Scientists try to harness the earth's energy (8747)
6.00 The Rocketeer (1991): Bill Campbell plays the comic-book hero (69834)
8.00 Harley Davidson and the Marlboro Man (1991): Mickey Rourke and Don Johnson plan a bank robbery (71679)
16.00 Piranha (1978): Bradford Dillman stars in a spoof of *Jaws* (122259)
11.35 Daughter of the Streets (1991): Jane Alexander searches for runaway daughter Roxana Zal (220650)
1.15am The Forgotten One (1990): Kristy McNichol is haunted by a 19th-century murder victim (34746631)
3.45 Hot Dog . . . the Movie! (1984): Comedy about rival ski teams (911419). Ends at 5.25

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm Footlight Parade (1933, b/w): A theatrical impresario stages spectacular musicals. With James Cagney (43834)
8.00 Being There (1979): Comedy starring Peter Sellers (45923835)
10.10 Rambo: First Blood Part 2 (1987): Sylvester Stallone rescues American POWs from Vietnam (397501). Ends at **11.45**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am The Black Cat (1941, b/w). Expectant heirs gather for the reading of a will. Starring Basil Rathbone (41834)
6.00 Sinbad of the Seven Seas ((1989). Swashbuckling adventure (62834)
16.00 Scooby Doo Meets the Boo Brothers' Cartoon fun (46968)
12.00 The Buster Keaton Story (1957): Biopic starring Donald O'Connor (63835)
2.00pm Apache (1954): Burt Lancaster refuses to live on a reservation (70940)
4.00 Sinbad of the Seven Seas (as 8am) (6389)
6.00 Dead on the Money (1991): An actress falls in love with a member of the audience. With Amanda Pays, Corbin Bernsen (67476)
0.00 Hometown Boy Makes Good (1989): Anthony Edwards lies about his profession to his mother, Grace Zabriskie (62921)
10.00 Thelma and Louise (1991): Ridley Scott's road movie stars Geena Davis and Susan Sarandon (39503582)
12.10am Child of Darkness, Child of Light (1991): A virgin birth spawns an anti-Christ (2729780)
1.40 Terrorvision (1986): A space monster emerges from a television set (4099954)
3.10 Backstreet Dreams (1991): Jason O'Malley struggles to provide a better life for his autistic son (527728). Ends at 4.45

SKY SPORTS

6.30am Prime Bodies (55785) **7.30** Australian Rugby League (65650) **9.30** Prime Bodies (90369) **10.00** Open Snooker (118327) **1.00pm** Watersports World (823801) **2.00** Open Snooker (594698) **5.00** Cycling: British Road Race (1476) **5.30** Tennis: Canadian Open (6414) **6.00** All-American Wrestling (51704) **7.00** British Motorsport (24785) **0.00** Polo: Jet Cup (32655) **9.00** The Faldo Golf Challenge (82132) **11.00** Fishing the West (90230) **11.30-2.30am** Tennis: Canadian Open (120037)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Step Aerobics (51018) **6.30** Golf (83501) **9.00** Basketball (52766) **10.00** Motorsport (59018) **11.00** Military Sports (62582) **12.00** Summer Universal (51768) **1.00pm** Tennis. Austrian Open (578650) **4.00** Swimming (8143) **0.00** Mountain Bike Cup (8495) **6.30** News (9747) **7.00** Tennis. Austrian Open (14230) **8.30** ATP Tennis (4563) **0.00** Boxing (81582) **10.30** Basketball (20230) **12.00-12.30am** News (47964)

UK GOLD

7.00 The Raccoons (7083655) **7.30** Neighbours (8538740) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (1809308) **8.30** EastEnders (1808679) **9.00** The Bill (1822259) **9.30** The Onedin Line (1513650) **10.30** Juliet Bravo (2703582) **11.30** Rhoda (8487037) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (1802495) **12.30pm** Neighbours (5606308) **1.00** EastEnders (8433196) **1.30** The Bill (5605679) **2.00** 'Allo 'Allo! (1156766) **2.30** Three Up, Two Down (5427560) **3.00** Dallas (8461853) **4.00** Dynasty (8460360) **5.00** Blankety Blank (1147018) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (7322196) **6.00** Neighbours (4488049) **6.30** The Onedin Line (6477650) **7.30** 'Allo 'Allo! (6466373) **8.00** EastEnders (1169230) **8.30** Three Up, Two Down (1155037) **9.00** Juliet Bravo (1194230) **10.00** The Bill (1803124) **10.30** The Innes Book of Records (1812872) **11.00** Top of the Pops (9496056) **11.45** Dr Who (7983143) **12.15am** Film: Village of the Damned (1960, b/w) starring George Sanders (26772254) **1.35-2.00** Video Bites (51959781)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00 Jack in the Box (77501) **7.00** Babar (9575245) **7.55** Ratkan II (4625394) **8.30** David The Gnome (12037) **8.00** Pugwall's Summer (29619) **9.30** Rude Dog and the Dweebs (30921) **10.00** Chocky's Challenge (13327) **10.30** The New Adventures of He-man (25501) **11.00** Spiff and Hercules (15563) **11.30** Say Ahhh! (16292) **12.00** You Can't Do That on Television (53872) **1.00pm** The Dreamstone (27018) **1.30** Gravedale High (40306) **2.00** Adventure (6306) **2.30** Say Ahhh! (7308) **3.00** Babar (2156327) **3.25** Ratkan II (5785495) **8.30** The Berenstain Bears (2853) **4.00** Bobobobs (1360) **4.30** Earthworks (5312) **5.00** Fifteen (2360) **5.30** Saved by the Bell (1124) **6.00** Fame (59056)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Exodus — The Jewish Diaspora
6.55 Weather
7.00 On Air, with Piers Burton-Page. Bizet (Suite, The Fair Maid of Perth); Balfe (I dreamt I dwelt in marble halls, The Bohemian Girl); Vivaldi (Concerto in C, RV556, Per la Solennità di San Lorenzo); Bliss (Suite, Things to Come)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Fauré (Barcarolle No 5 in F sharp minor, Op 66; Barcarolle No 6 in E flat, Op 70; Sicilienne, Op 78; Dolly Suite, Impromptu in D flat, Op 86; Barcarolles: No 7 in C sharp minor, Op 74: No 8 in D flat, Op 96; Barcarolle No 9 in A minor, Op 101)
10.00 BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra under Jerzy Maksymiuk performs John Pickard (The Flight of Icarus), Sibelius (Violin Concerto in D minor: Tasmin Little); Nielsen (Symphony No 5)
11.35 Prom Artist of the Week: Richard Hickox conducts Purcell (Chacony in G minor), Ravel (Le tombeau de Couperin)
12.00 Hausmusik: Antony Pay presents chamber music from the Biedermeier period performed on period instruments. Mendelssohn (Piano Quartet in F minor, Op 2); Schumann (Piano Quintet in E flat, Op 44) (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 Prague Chamber Orchestra performs a sequence of 18th-century music
1.35 Test Match Special: England v Australia. The first afternoon's play in the fifth Test from Edgbaston. The commentators are Brian Johnston, Jonathan Agnew and Neville Oliver. During the tea interval at **3.45-4.00** County Talk. Peter Baxter discusses the cricket season with Nick Cook, Graeme Fowler and Mark Nicholas
6.10 Evening Sequence: A selection of music on disc
7.00 BBC Proms Live from the Albert Hall, London. BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Martyn Brabbins performs Britten (Pas de Six, The Prince of the Pagodas); Dvořák (Cello Concerto in B minor: Sophie Rolland). **8.00** Music for Children or Private Confessional? David Nice discusses Prokofiev's Symphony No 7. **8.20** Judith Weir (Music Untangled); Prokofiev (Symphony No 7 in C sharp minor)
9.10 Kiki – Queen of Montparnasse: George Melly evokes the bohemian lifestyle of Kiki, the toast of artists and writers in 1920s Paris (r)
9.30 Holst: Psalm 86 and Psalm 148 (Britten Singers, John Alley, organ; City of London Sinfonia under Richard Hickox)
10.00 BBC Proms: Live from the Albert Hall, in a simultaneous broadcast with BBC1. I Virtuosi di Roma under Angelo Stefanato performs Vivaldi (Piccolo Concerto in C, RV443: Maria Teresa Palermo); Oboe Concerto in C, RV451: Augusto Loppi); Boccherini (Cello Concerto in B flat, G482: Rocco Filippini); Vivaldi (Violin Concerto in E minor, RV277, Il favorito: Concerto in B minor for four violins and cello, RV580)
11.30 Berg: Seven Early Songs; Schliesse mir die Augen beide — first setting; Four Songs, Op 2; Altenberg Lieder, Schliesse mir die Augen beide — second setting; Concert aria, Der Wein **12.30am News**

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, *with Brian Redhead and John* Humphrys, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.45** Thought for the Day with Canon Paul Bates **8.43** Off the Rails: Written and read by Lisa St Aubin de Teran **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 The Moral Maze, chaired by Michael Buerk
9.45 Hearing Voices, Seeing Things: Paperbackman. *Martyn Wiley sees reflections* from his own past
10.00-10.30 No Commitments (FM only): Simon Brett's comedy series about three sisters
10.00 News; An Act of Worship (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Judges. Ian Hogg reads the final part
10.30 Woman's Hour: Libby Spurrier traces the social history of the beach hut. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Tasneem Siddiqi
12.25pm Slightly Foxed: Gill Pyrah hosts the literary quiz. Today's guests are Sarah Dunant, David Profumo, Jeremy J. Beadle and Arthur Smith **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; The Funny Side of Love: *David Stafford's* comedy stars Deborah Findlay and Neil McCaul. Twelfth in the Eurovision Song Contest during the 1960s, June and Gary stage a comeback on a wet British August
3.30 Against the Grain: 071-580 4444. Ann Marie Hourihane invites listeners calls on the claim that "counselling screws you up" **4.00 News**
4.05 Kaleidoscope *reviews* Alan Ayckbourn's *Time of My Life*, Michael Frayn's new play, *Here*, and the cabaret show, *For the Love of Money*
4.45 Short Story: Art Nouveau, by Helen Campbell. Read by Lynn Cahill (r)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Lionel Nimrod's Inexplicable World: *The Sea. A New Age* comedy show starring Stewart Lee and Richard Herring
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Silver in the Stone: See Choice
8.00 Ages Past: Historians Ralph Houlbrooke, Linda Pollock and Roy Porter interpret three centuries of English family life through the diaries and letters of the *time. The second of a* six-part series looks at childhood
8.45 Does He Take Sugar? presented by Ted Harrison
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight, with Nigel Cassidy **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: The Cost *of Living Like This*, by James Kennaway. Read by Ian McDiarmid (9/10)
11.00 Tales from the Arabian Nights: Hamza's Dance. Shahrazad (Carolyn Backhouse) beguiles the King (Derek Jacobi) with tales of magic and mystery
11.30 The Year in Question: Brian Hayes referees teams from *Radio 4's news programmes PM and Today* (r)
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

Mark Steel v MCC. *Radio 5, 6.30pm.*

I laughed aloud so unrestrainedly at this alternative guide to the English cricket crisis, that I feared I might suffer a setback in my hospital bed. And this from someone who has neither laughed at a cricket joke in his life, or cared a fig for the game. I am not qualified to comment on Steel's prescription for curing England's present ills, but I can confidently commend to you the rib-tickling attractions of the script that Steel has co-written with Pete Sinclair, and the breezy enthusiasm with which producer Jane Berthoud has delivered it.

The Silver in the Stone. *Radio 4, 7.20pm.*

It is an anti-Establishment victory of sorts that, after 150 years of neglect, John Clare's poetry is now compulsory reading on the national *English curriculum*. The implicit question on which Andy Croft's passionately argued programme revolves is: will 20th century "untutored" articulators of working class experience such as Wales's Mogg Williams and Lancashire's Rebecca O'Rourke have to be kept waiting so long out in the cold? **Peter Davalle**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes (FM only) **6.00** Simon Mayo **6.00** Simon Bates **11.00** 1 FM Summer Roadshow with Steve Wright from Weymouth **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** *Lynn Parsons* **3.00** *Gary Davies in the* Afternoon **6.00** News '93 **6.30** Mark Goodier's Evening Session **8.30** Antique Records Roadshow **9.00** The Guest List **10.00** Emma Freud **12.00-4.00am** Bob Harris (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **5.00am** Martin Kelner **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Jimmy's Cricket Team **7.30** Wally Whyton **6.00** Paul Jones **10.00** British Country **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service **6.30** Danny Baker's Morning Edition **6.00** Take Five **10.25** Wiggly Park **10.30** Test Match Special: England v Australia. First morning's play in the fifth Test from Edgbaston **1.10** Summer Sport: Test match cricket and European swimming **6.30** Mark Steel v MCC. See Choice **7.15** The Doomsday Diary of Ermengarde Hulke, by Dick Cate (4/5) **7.30** Formula Five with Jez Nelson **8.00** Vibe! **9.30** Empire Night **10.10** Eastern Beat **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST**. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin. Tips für Touristen **5.30** Off the Shelf: The Man from the South **5.45** From Our Own Correspondent **0.00** News **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.10** News About Britain **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Sports International **8.00** Newsdesk **8.30** Network UK **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Good Books **9.30** John Peel **10.00** News **10.00** World Business Report **10.15** From Our Own *Correspondent* **10.30** *The Farming World* **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.01** Frankfurt an Der Oder **11.00** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **11.59** Business Update **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Spanish Gold **1.00** News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** Multitrack 2 **1.45** Sports Roundup **2.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf: The Man from the South **3.45** Recording of the Week **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.10** News About Britain **5.15** BBC English **6.00** News **6.05** World Business Report **6.10** The World Today **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.05** German Features **8.00** News **8.05** Outlook **8.30** Europe Today **8.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Meridian **10.00** News **11.10** News About Britain **11.15** Network UK **11.45** Sports Roundup **Midnight** News **12.05am** World Business Report **12.15** Music Review **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** Music Inside Out **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** On the Move **2.45** Global Concerns **3.00** News **3.30** Spanish Gold **4.00** News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** Sports Roundup

CLASSIC FM

6.00am *Paul Gambaccini* **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Tippett (Fantasia Concertante on a Theme of Corelli) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** The Classic Travel Guide **8.00** Evening Concert by the Westminster Abbey Choir and London Festival Orchestra under Ross Pople **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** Alan Mann

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono's Rock 'n' Roll Breakfast **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Kevin Greening **4.00** Tommy Vance **7.00** Mitch Johnson **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00-6.00am** Paul Coyte

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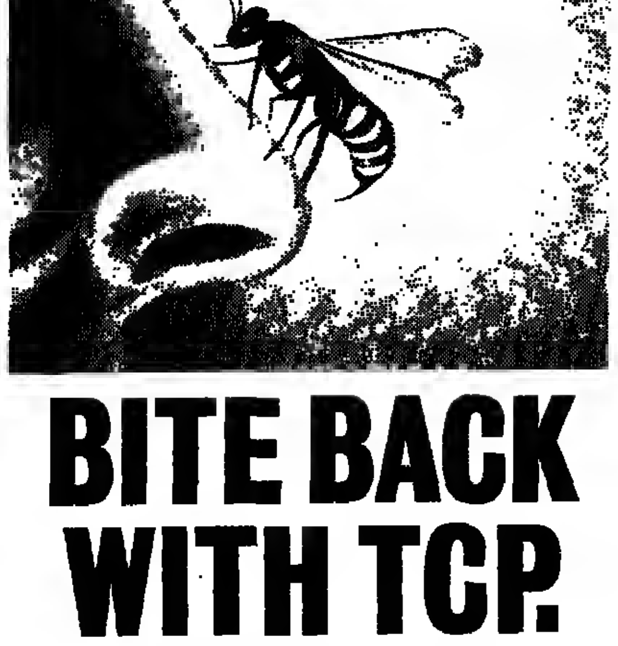

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MORGAN NARROWLY MISSES OUT ON GOLD AT SHEFFIELD

State of pitch and injury to Stewart complicate selection

England may turn to Russell

BY ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL Atherton has endured a prolonged tutorial on the dramas of captaining England even before he has led out his team, and it is not over yet. This morning at Edgbaston, he must resolve whether Alec Stewart or Jack Russell keeps wicket in a Fifth Cornhill Test which could well be decided by spin. Then he must win the toss.

Russell has not played for England since last July and had begun to suspect he might never do so again. Yesterday morning, however, Stewart reported renewed pain from the ribs he injured in a fall a week ago. An x-ray revealed only bruising but, with his fitness uncertain, Stewart required cover and Russell was rightly seen as the natural choice.

Out of adversity may come advantage. England's build-up to this Test has been chaotic even by their own standards and the afterthought of recruiting a second spin bowler has left them with no conventional balance. But if, as both captains expect, the dry and grassless pitch offers increasing turn, it will be no bad thing if the country's most accomplished wicketkeeper is back on duty.

Atherton assessed his vice-captain's prospects of playing to be an 80 per cent chance but Stewart himself was less optimistic. England must not go into a Test Match with a wicketkeeper lacking mobility.

Atherton has confirmed his intention to persist with seven batsmen if Stewart is fit. As the two off-spinners are both certain to play, this would leave England with only two seam bowlers and an attack as apparently shallow as the one with which Australia have been bowling them out all summer.

Any problems affecting the Australians have to be seen in the context of their unassailable 3-0 lead in the series and Englishmen will waste no sympathy on the injury still threatening Tim May's place. After a look at the pitch, however, Allan Border, the captain, suggested that May, his off spinner, would partner Shane Warne, their potential match-winner, even if he was a passenger in the field. "I have never seen a drier Test pitch in England," Border said. . "It is more like those you see on the sub-continent."

The pitch also reminded Border of the surfaces he played on at Chelmsford during his time in county cricket with Essex. That is no coincidence as the Essex groundsman of that period, Andy Atkinson, is now in charge of the Edgbaston square. He was also, yesterday, as much the centre of attention as Atherton.

Atkinson claims he has produced a pitch that faithfully follows the guidelines of the Test and County Cricket Board. "It is dry, hard and true," he said. "I have heard a lot of talk about the England committee wanting green pitches but nobody said anything officially to me until last Saturday, and it was much too late to change course then."

This account is at odds with the version of a senior Warwickshire official, who alleges that Atkinson was informed six weeks ago of England's wishes in regard to the Test pitch, and chose to ignore them. Warwickshire, with one of the most potent seam attacks in the country, have been obliged to play on turning pitches all season. Atkinson leaves the county next week to work at Newlands, in Cape Town.

In his defence, Atkinson rightly stresses the dilemna of English groundsmen when they are told by the game's administrators to prepare one type of pitch and by home team managements to prepare another. But if he cannot be blamed for England's selection shambles, others can.

Last Saturday Dennis Amiss, who is chairman of the Warwickshire cricket committee and an England selector, went to Edgbaston specifically to study the Test pitch. He was, by all accounts, surprised by what he saw. But why, when one of his duties was surely to oversee and report upon the preparation of his local pitch? And how, when armed with Amiss's observations, did England come up with a team including only one spin bowler?

Atherton said: "It is fair to say we might have made a mistake with our original selection but we have rectified it in good time. This is not the surface we thought it would be but I have no complaints. We are good players and we ought to be able to play in all conditions."

There has, as Atherton is keenly aware, been little sign of that so far this year, as the baffling turnover of players indicates. John Emburey confessed yesterday that he had done himself no justice in India and had wondered if his days at international level were done.

Brought back on form, he said: "This is no second coming for me, I know that. But I don't feel old, 40 is no age. There are bound to be comparisons with Peter Such but I just hope we end up with ten wickets each, even if it does upset the seamers."

Two of England's four seam bowlers must be omitted this morning and, as the margin for error will be minimal in such an attack, Devon Malcolm will be one of them. Atherton gave Steve Watkin's bowling such a build-up yesterday that he can expect to play, with Martin Bicknell's ability to swing the ball earning him the last place ahead of Mark Ilott.

Atherton said: "It's no secret that we want to win the toss and bat first. But if we don't, we have to get on with it. We can't just sit back and let them get 600 again."

He is sure that he can get his message across. "People talk about my age [25] as if I am too young for the job, but I think it can be an advantage. I know a lot of our guys, I can relate to how they think and communicate with them. It is up to them to respond."

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Chin-wag: Mike Atherton, right, the England captain, and the team manager, Keith Fletcher, in discussion at Edgbaston yesterday

TEST TEAMS

ENGLAND (from): G A Gooch, M A Atherton (captain), R A Smith, M P Maynard, G P Thorpe, N Hussain, A J Stewart or R C Russell (wicketkeeper), J E Emburey, M P Bicknell, S L Watkin, P M Such, D E Malcolm, M C Ilott.
AUSTRALIA (probable): M A Taylor, M J Slater, D C Boon, M E Waugh, A R Border (captain), S R Waugh, I A Healy (wicketkeeper), M G Hughes, P R Reiffel, S K Warne, T B A May.
Umpires: D R Shepherd and J H Hampshire. TV replays: A G T Whitehead. Match referee: C H Lloyd.

Christie plays second fiddle to Burrell in Zurich dash

FROM DAVID POWELL
ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT IN ZURICH

LINFORD Christie, Britain's Olympic 100 metres champion, last night lost his unbeaten record for the distance this season only nine days before he begins his attempt on a world title in Stuttgart.

Christie ran his fastest legal time of the season but it was not enough to hold Leroy Burrell, the former world record holder who has not made the United States team for Stuttgart. Burrell, out in lane seven, away from the stars of the show, stole an unexpected victory in 10.02sec. Christie, beaten by the narrowest of margins, followed in 10.03, with Jon Drummond, another athlete who has failed to make the US team, third in 10.05sec.

America's big guns, Carl Lewis and Andre Cason, finished outside the places in fourth and fifth.

Lewis, the world record holder, has failed to win a race this season, while for Cason it was only his second defeat of the year. Drummond, second behind Christie at Gateshead on Friday, when Lewis was third, had the best start and led to 70 metres. Christie, finishing strongly as usual, probably thought he had won when he passed the American. But, from his position in lane three, a glance across told him that Burrell had snatched it.

Britain's three outstanding gold medal hopes for Stuttgart may be reduced to two, though the extent of the injury which forced Colin Jackson out of his race here can only be guessed at.

Jackson, the world's leading 110m hurdler this year, flew home before the meeting, raising doubts over whether he would be fit to line up in the world championships.

Since his European record, set at altitude in Sestriere, Italy, last Wednesday, and his victory in Gateshead on Friday, Jackson has failed to start in either of his two scheduled races. He was supposed to have competed in Cologne on Sunday but withdrew after aggravating a bruise in his foot while exercising in his hotel room.

Jackson, who has won all 12 of his hurdles finals this season, left word with Christie to contact his coach, Malcolm Arnold, in Wales while he left in a hurry, apparently for treatment. "Linford rang and said it was a 'back injury,' Arnold said. "It sounds like the one that afflicted him in Tokyo."

Arnold was referring to the 1991 world championships, when Jackson injured himself warming up for the final, resulting in nine pain-killing injections and a fortnight out. Jackson has a fortnight before his event begins in Stuttgart.

The dominant figure of the 400m hurdles, Kevin Young, is losing his air of invincibility. Young's unbeaten season last year earned him the accolade of International Amateur Athletic Federation world athlete of the year and, until the grand prix at Crystal Palace 13 days ago, he had not lost this season. His winning streak over two seasons had stood at 26 races.

However, last night he lost for the second time in three outings. On this occasion, unlike at Crystal Palace, he was not even second. Winthrop Graham won in 47.60sec. Samuel Matete, beaten into second place by Young in Cologne, was second again and Young third.

Graham, with a Jamaican record, and Matete, the world champion from Zambia, who ran 47.82sec, joined Young as the only men under 48 seconds this season.

Britain's Linda Keough, in her last opportunity to run an 800m qualifying time for Stuttgart, failed by half a second. Finishing fifth in the B race, she recorded 2:01.84.

Christie: second

Cowes Week changes sail into stormy waters

Barry Pickthall outlines the problems facing the Admiral's Cup, once the highlight of Britain's premier yachting regatta

AS THE crews competing in the Champagne Mumm Admiral's Cup took a break from racing yesterday, storm clouds gathered over the Royal Ocean Racing Club's (RORC) plans to revive interest in offshore yacht racing.

While the RORC was concerned with introducing a one-design grand prix racer to bring wider appeal to the sport, those on and off the water wanted to see more thought given to the falling standards of Cowes Week.

The only indications that the Admiral's Cup, an event conceived to attract an international fleet and once the highlight of Cowes Week, is being held is the abundance of banners adorning the town. The racing has been taking place at least 20 miles to the east, out of sight of all but the most ardent spectators over long and boring windward-leeward courses.

The organisers' first step will be to introduce the Mumm 36, designed under the IMS rule by Bruce Farr as one of the three yachts to be raced by each team at the next Admiral's Cup, in 1995. "Yachts designed to the existing offshore rule are no longer in demand and have no resale value," John Dare, commodore of the RORC, said yesterday. "This type of boat will have wider appeal and bring younger people into the sport."

The new boat, which will cost about £100,000, is already under construction in the United States. Other companies in Argentina, New Zealand and France will commence building shortly. The first race it will be involved in is next year's Kenwood Cup, in Hawaii.

Geoff Stagg, president of Farr International and a member of the RORC steering committee, hopes to sell between 350 and 450 boats during the next four years.

Whatever the boat's merits, it has surprised many that the RORC has been caught in such an apparent conflict of interest. Stagg, whose company won the design commission, sits on the club's advisory committee for what was a competition open to all. It has also suprised many that the club did not undertake market research into the type of boat yachtsman would like to buy before launching such a far-reaching campaign.

Commodore Dare said that the Farr design, which will earn the RORC a £1,000 royalty from each boat sold, was the closest tender to the parameters that the RORC had requested, but Rolf Vrolijk, head of a rival design group which drew the lines of the three German Admiral's Cup yachts, said: 'Never, ever did they phone or write asking us to present our ideas."

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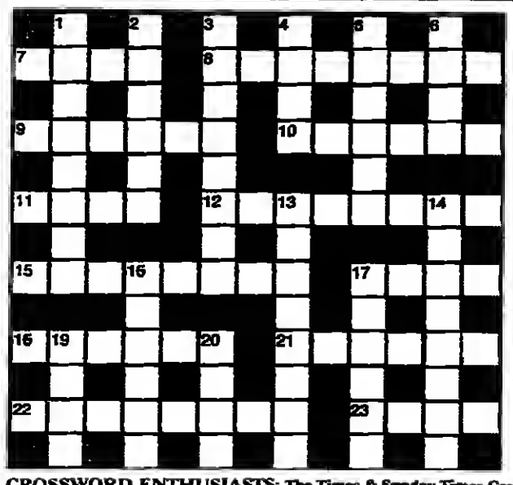

ACROSS
7 Ablution (4)
8 Farewell (2,6)
9 Programme (6)
10 Quiet (6)
11 At all times (4)
12 Feed well (6,2)
15 Court of justice (8)
17 Sympathy (4)
18 Inseparable companion (6)
21 Place, scene (6)
22 Become pregnant (8)
23 Plunder (4)

DOWN
1 Morning after feeling (8)
2 Black eye (6)
3 Kerosene (8)
4 Scallop-edged knife (4)
5 Develop gradually (6)
6 Bearing (4)
13 Speak untruthfully (4,4)
14 Up to this moment (5,3)
16 Dress top (6)
17 Preserve in vinegar (6)
19 Peter Pan pirate captain (4)
20 Lash (4)

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ACROSS: 1 Riser 4 Shirker 8 Safeguard 9 Oho 10 Nor 11 En passant 12 Banal 13 Elder 16 Trappings 18 Gum 20 Eva 21 Aerobatic 22 Sweated 23 Early

DOWN: 1 Rosin 2 Saffron 3 Rogue elephant 4 Swamps 5 Indispensable 6 Krona 7 Rooster 12 Bitters 14 Dogstar 15 Snared 17 Amaze 19 Mucky

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

PLANXTY
a. A fungus
b. A form of Irish music
c. A stern of a pirate ship

INCUNABULA
a. First stage of anything
b. A horse's hock bone
c. A food suppliment used in Asia

HEYDUCK
a. A herb
b. An American delicacy
c. A robber

ZAFTIG
a. A voluptuous woman
b. A magic charm or spell
c. A chemical used in warfare

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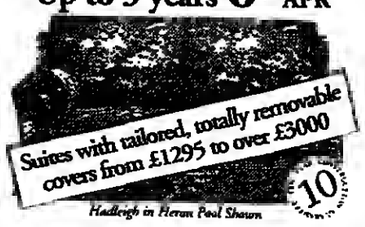

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